



August 4, 2024

"The Bread of Life"

John 6:22-35

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**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE  
A TIME FOR GATHERING AND QUIET MEDITATION**

*Welcome. We are so glad you have joined us for worship today.*

*We would love to connect with you and support  
how God is moving in your life.*

*Please visit [www.saintjamespres.org/contact](http://www.saintjamespres.org/contact) to share  
how we can be of support!*

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

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**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

Eva Suave

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Greg Ellis

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jenny Sue LeSchander

All you with grumbling stomachs,  
hungry for bread, nourishment, and flourishing:  
**draw near to God.**

All you with dry throats,  
thirsting for water, wisdom, and justice:  
**draw near to God.**

All you with empty arms,  
searching for a warm embrace,  
a meaningful life,  
and a loving community:  
**draw near to God.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"  
- GTG 610

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You are the Bread of Life, O God,  
and you promise that we will never hunger again,  
but we do hunger, O Lord, and often for the wrong things.  
You feed us with grace, but we hunger for achievements.  
You offer us peace, but we hunger for control.  
You bless us with plenty to share,  
but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours.  
Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness  
teach us to hunger for things that you do:  
to hunger for justice, to long for equality,  
to work for the common good  
until none of your children have to hunger for bread.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

**\*THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 51:1-12 pg. 520

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**SERMON READING**

John 6:22-35 pg. 98

**SERMON**

“The Bread of Life”

Rev. Greg Ellis

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” - GTG 306

# **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

Eva Suave, Piano

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

"For the Life That You Have Given" - GTG 717

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own;  
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
Give us grace to love and serve you, Living what we pray and sing.**

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**It is right to lift up thanks and praise.**

## **THE INVITATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **WELCOME TO THE TABLE**

"The body of Christ, given for you." **Amen.**

"The blood of Christ, shed for you." **Amen.**

## **COMMUNION PRAYER & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day  
our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "They'll Know We Are Christians" - GTG 300

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

### \*BLESSING & CHARGE

### POSTLUDE

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*As our worship concludes, our service begins.*

*We invite you to join us for fellowship following worship. Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend a welcome of peace and friendship to everyone.*

**Next Week, August 11, 2024**

**John 6:35, 41-51**

**Guest preacher - Fred Hartsook**

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St. James Presbyterian Church Picnic

Date: August 18, 2024

Time: after church

Location: St. James front lawn

Please bring your own lunch,  
and the Deacons will provide dessert!

RSVP by 8/11 to your Deacon



## **PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES**

If you have a prayer request or update you would like to share, please email [office@saintjamespres.org](mailto:office@saintjamespres.org).

### **GODLY PLAY: St. Columba**

Every part of the Christian tradition has its special people who are looked up to and respected, during our "Saints" series we will look at several of them. This week's lesson is about St. Columba who loved books and people for God.

We hope you will join us at 10:15am for songs and memory verse time in the lounge. At 10:30, children will go down to Godly Play.

For Communion Sunday students will be brought back upstairs for communion.

### **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts, this week, August 4th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 51:1-12 (worship)

John 6:24-35 (sermon)

Psalm 78:23-29

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Ephesians 4:1-16

### **ST. JAMES SUMMER 2024 HIKES**

**8/10 Saturday - Hertz Trail** - parking lot on the north side of Lake Whatcom; walk a couple miles to the trailhead to the new connector to the Chanterelle trail; optional addition: hike up the trail with 200+ interspersed stair steps to the new overlook.

**8/24 Saturday - Samish Crest trail** - park at Racine trailhead on Puget Hill hike trails to the lower and/or upper viewpoint overlooking the bay, downtown and Canada. There's enough space for a group to picnic at the upper viewpoint.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR ST. JAMES ALL CHURCH RETREAT  
SEPTEMBER 6TH-8TH AT WARM BEACH CAMP AND CONFERENCE  
CENTER! THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "HEALING CONVERSATIONS".**



St. James has booked the Cascadian Lodge at Warm Beach for the weekend of Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> 2024. We would love to have everyone join us at this beautiful facility. Warm Beach event center is a beautiful facility in Stanwood with many activities, beautiful views, and numerous hiking trails. Rooms in the lodge have a queen bed and a bunk bed to sleep up to 4. Our reservations include lodging for Friday and Saturday nights, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Plan on arriving Friday evening after dinner to check in and enjoy a time of fellowship, games, and snacks with our St. James family. Saturday will include breakfast, a morning of Christian education, lunch, and an afternoon of relaxing and fun activities. Activities at Warm Beach include sports fields, disc golf, swimming, canoeing, mini golf, hiking, horseshoe pits, fire pits, and time for fellowship and relaxing. Saturday will conclude with dinner and an organized fellowship time. Sunday we will enjoy breakfast followed by a worship service and then packing up and heading home. Plan for a weekend of fun, fellowship, food, relaxation, and Christian education. If you are interested in helping organize, or implement this fun event, please let Tracy know. Registration link:

<https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2385181>

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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Monday, 8/5	4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
Tuesday, 8/6	5:00pm, Building & Grounds
Wednesday, 8/7	5:30pm, CFF
Next Sunday, 8/11	10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service <a href="https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/">https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/</a>

## PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

AA Fairhaven Group.....	Mondays/ Thursdays
AA Men's Book Study Group.....	Mondays
AA SOS Men's Group.....	Wednesdays
Bayside Co-op Preschool.....	Monday-Friday during school year
Bellingham Community Chorus.....	Tuesdays September-April
Bellingham Ukulele Group (BUG).....	1st Saturday of each month
Boy Scouts Troop 7.....	Mondays
Happy Hour AI-Anon.....	Tuesdays
Liberation Yoga.....	TBD
Linda's Tai Chi.....	Mondays
Little Sapling Music.....	Wednesdays/ Thursdays quarterly
Overeaters Anonymous.....	Saturdays
The Table Church.....	Sundays
Whatcom Weavers Guild.....	TBD
Wild Hearts group.....	TBD
World Peace Poets.....	TBD

## ST. JAMES STAFF

Pastor: Seth J. Thomas (on sabbatical 7/1-10/1)

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Summer Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sharon is available outside of these hours if you contact ahead of time.

Janice Smith will be in Bellingham on Tuesdays and Sundays, during Seth's sabbatical, for in person appointments. She will also be available other days if scheduled ahead. [janice@saintjamespres.org](mailto:janice@saintjamespres.org)

*In consideration of others, please refrain from wearing heavy perfumes and scents, and please silence your cell phones before the service.*

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existing pledge:



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