



July 13, 2025

"We Can Do A Lot With A Little"

Matthew 16:5-12

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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**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Merry Thomas

We come with willing hearts and eager minds.

**Lead us in your truth,**

**O God of our salvation!**

We come in our weakness and wander.

**Teach us your ways,**

**O God of our salvation!**

We come seeking the path of justice.

**We are ready to follow,**

**O God of our salvation!**

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

- GTG 624

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God,  
Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched  
by loving you and loving our neighbors.  
We confess that love is hard for us.  
We are too selfish or too pessimistic,  
too hollow or too hardened,  
or just too tired  
to give ourselves to love's demands.  
Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness.  
Cleanse our hearts  
that we might find the strength  
to do what love requires  
and the grace to receive  
what love has to give.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
whose love has no boundary. Amen.

## **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 147:12-18 pgs. 582

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **SERMON READING**

Matthew 16:5-12 pg. 18

### **SERMON**

"We Can Do A Lot With A Little" Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"  
- GTG 738

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

### **JOYS & CONCERNS**

### **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.

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

Dave Nelson, tenor

Leah Bruno, 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**

#### **\*SINGING WELCOME AS CHILDREN RETURN TO SANCTUARY**

Welcome, children, welcome, we are glad you're here.

Welcome, children, welcome. *Now to God draw near.*

#### **\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

- GTG 307

## **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, July 20, 2025**  
**“The Parable of the Sower”**  
**Matthew 13:1-9**

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## **GODLY PLAY: Parable of the Leaven**

Jerome Berryman says that “it is important for children to encounter parables during childhood so they can develop the ability to hear with their own ears what Jesus was communicating when he spoke in parables.” Our parable boxes use two-dimensional materials to help reiterate that these are Jesus’s words and stories to us. The wondering questions used for parable lessons are designed to encourage children to see that there are deeper meanings in the parables than what they might initially encounter.

We hope you will join us at 10:15am for songs and memory verse time in the lounge. At 10:30 children will go downstairs to Godly Play, and adults will stay upstairs to worship. Students will be brought upstairs for the final hymn.

## **BELLINGHAM PRIDE FESTIVAL TODAY!**

It's time for PRIDE in Bellingham! This year we are partnering with Community of Hope Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Echoes Lutheran Church to share two booths at the festival today Sunday, July 13. The parade runs from 11am-1pm and the festival from 12-4pm, though we expect people to start showing up to browse the booths between 10:30 and 11am. We will be handing out friendship bracelets, stickers, and other goodies to help folks celebrate Pride. This is a great opportunity to represent St. James in our community and help people feel welcome and loved. If you'd like to help out, you can sign up for a time slot or email [jessica.lankford@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.lankford@gmail.com) if you have questions. please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AADAFA28A4FB6-57431216-bellingham>

## **ANNUAL ST. JAMES PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 20**

Everyone is welcome to join in the picnic, Tables will be set up downstairs for indoor and outdoor dining. Please bring a picnic dish to share with 4-6 people. You may leave your dish in the kitchen before worship. Deacons will provide a frozen sweet treat -- dairy and non-dairy.

## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

Want to be a part of an open conversation about life, theology, current events, and the Church? Grab coffee with Seth, Jessica, and Jimmy on Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 am at Makeworth Coffee (1201 N State St).

## **INTRO TO CHORAL SINGING**

Interested in joining the Chancel Choir next year, but on the fence? Join Leah Bruno on the first three Sundays of July at 9:00 am in the sanctuary for some fun musical skill-building activities.

## **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary or worship texts for this week July 13th:

Psalm 147:12-18 (worship)

Matthew 16:5-12 (sermon)

Amos 7:7-14

Psalm 82

Psalm 25:1-10

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

## **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).

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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Monday, 7/14	4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
Tuesday, 7/15	5:00pm, Building & Grounds
Thursday, 7/17	8:30am, Coffee & Conversation at Makeworth 4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
Saturday, 7/19	11:00am, Marilyn Horn - Memorial
Next Sunday, 7/20	10:30am, In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service <a href="https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/">https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/</a> 12:00pm, Annual Picnic

## PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

AA Fairhaven Group.....	Mondays/ Thursdays
AA Grateful Hearts.....	Mondays
AA Men's Book Study Group.....	Mondays
AA SOS Men's Group.....	Wednesdays
AA Meditation Group.....	Saturdays
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 Al-Anon.....	Tuesdays
Linda's Tai Chi.....	Mondays
Little Sapling Music.....	Wednesdays/ Thursdays quarterly
Overeaters Anonymous.....	Saturdays
The Table Church.....	Sundays
Wild Hearts group.....	TBD

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

Pastor Seth's Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

To schedule ahead of time: <http://www.calendly.com/pastorseththomas>

or [pastor@saintjamespres.org](mailto:pastor@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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