



July 27, 2025

"The Laborers in the Vineyard"

Matthew 20:1-16

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 to share
how we can be of support!

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"People" (from *Funny Girl*)
"Summertime" (from *Porgy & Bess*)
"Day By Day" (from *Godspell*)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jessica Parks

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
God's glory will dwell in our land.

Let us hear what God will speak!

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other;
faithfulness will spring up from the ground.

Let us hear what God will speak!

God will speak peace to God's people,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Let us hear what God will speak!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
- GTG 435

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we humbly confess
that we have fallen short
of who you call us to be.

We seek peace and comfort in our lives,
ignoring the needs of those around us.

We live our lives in ways
that bring chaos and calamity
to our neighbors.

Cleanse us from sin
and show us your steadfast love,
so that in turning to you,
we may seek unity and peace
for all of creation.

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

Deuteronomy 24:10-15 pg. 179

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Matthew 20:1-16 pgs. 21-22

SERMON

"The Laborers in the Vineyard"
Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"God is So Good" - GTG 658

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

"Barcarolle in Canon" by Ernst Halven
Merry Thomas, flute; Jim Gresham, clarinet

***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**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" - GTG 39

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

***BLESSING & CHARGE**

POSTLUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" trad. hymn
arr. by Mark Hayes

*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 3, 2025
Annual Pulpit Swap - Greg Ellis preaching**

GODLY PLAY: Parable of the labourers in the vineyard

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.

BOOK CLUB

St. James book club is currently reading *Trust* by Hernan Diaz. Set predominantly in New York City and focusing on the world of finance, the novel is a metafictional, fragmentary look at a secretive financier and his wife. Copies of the book are available in the office. We will meet the third Monday in August, Monday August 18th, at 7:00pm via zoom. Contact Tracy cfm@saintjamespres.org for the zoom link.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!

Calling all middle and high schoolers! Our monthly meeting will be this evening, Sunday, July 27th from 5:30-7:30pm. Join us for dinner, discussion, and games.

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).

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary or worship texts for this week July 27th:

Deuteronomy 24:10-15 (worship)

Matthew 20:1-6 (sermon)

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalms 85

Psalms 138

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

If you have a prayer request or update you would like to share, please email office@saintjamespres.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Monday, 7/28	4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
Wednesday, 7/30	5:00pm, SJPC family play date Boulevard Park
Thursday, 7/31	8:30am, Coffee & Conversation at Makeworth 4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
Next Sunday, 8/3	10:30am, In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/

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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