



July 6, 2025

"If We Want a Garden, We're Gonna Have to Sow the Seed"

Galatians 6:7-16

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

Leah Bruno

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jessica Parks

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Faye Hill

God hears our cries
and restores our troubled souls.

We can't keep silent.

We sing God's praises with joy!

God nurses and comforts us
until our hearts are strong like mountains.

We can't keep silent.

We sing God's praises with joy!

God's love sustains us to flourishing.

We can't keep silent.

We sing God's praises with joy!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
- GTG 645

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love,
you continually bring forth life,
transforming sadness to joy,
and despair to hope.
We are weak,
but you are strong.
Our ways are flawed,
but your ways are true.
We are seldom right,
but you are never wrong.
Forgive us, redeem us, transform us.
Take away the sin that burdens us,
and restore us to the people
you would have us be,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Isaiah 65:17-25 pg. 696

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Galatians 6:7-16 pg. 191

SERMON "If We Want a Garden, We're Gonna Have to Sow the Seed"
Jessica Parks

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

- GTG 298

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***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**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"
- GTG 4

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

***BLESSING & CHARGE**

POSTLUDE

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 13, 2025

"We Can Do A Lot With A Little"

Matthew 16:5-12

GODLY PLAY: Work Day

A work day is a Sunday when the students don't hear a story. During our typical Sunday morning time, there is often not enough time for some of our art responses or to explore all they want to in the classroom so we have work days where the children are able to more fully engage in the "Play" part of Godly Play.

We hope you will join us at 10:15 for our intergenerational memory verse time in the lounge. Kids will be taken downstairs for their work time and then will return for communion.

BELLINGHAM PRIDE FESTIVAL

It's almost 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 on 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 if you have questions. please signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AADAF28A4FB6-57431216-bellingham>



PRIDE CRAFT EVENT

Join us Friday, July 11th from 6-8pm to help make craft giveaways for our Pride table. We will have some materials, but bring embroidery thread for friendship bracelets, origami paper for origami, or whatever you can imagine to make and give away at our Pride table. Bring some snacks to share and we will craft the evening away!

BOOK CLUB

St. James book club is currently reading *The Samurai's Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama. It is a novel about A 20-year-old Chinese painter named Stephen who is sent to his family's summer home in a Japanese coastal village to recover from a bout with tuberculosis. Here he is cared for by Matsu, a reticent housekeeper and a master gardener.

Copies of the book are available in the office. We will meet the third Monday in July, Monday July 21st, at 7:00pm via zoom. Contact Tracy for the zoom link.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Can't make it to Pub Theology but 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 texts for this week, July 6th:

Isaiah 65:17-25 (worship)

Galatians 6:7-16 (sermon)

Psalms 30

Psalms 66:1-9

2 Kings 5:1-14

Isaiah 66:10-14

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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, 7/7	Church office closed in observance of July 4th 9:00am, Playdate at Scramble Park 4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
Tuesday, 7/8	5:00pm, Finance
Thursday, 7/10	8:30am, Coffee & Conversation at Makeworth 4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
Friday, 7/11	6:00pm, SJPC Pride crafting event
Next Sunday, 7/13	10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/ 12:00pm, Session 12:00pm, Bellingham PRIDE Festival

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.....	Fridays
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

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existing pledge:



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offering:



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