



October 5, 2025

"God Provides Manna"

Exodus 16:1-18

**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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Hartsook

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Merry Thomas

Through desolation and weeping,
through bitterness and fear,
through anguish and suffering,
through destruction and violence,
this we will remember:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;

great is God's faithfulness.

So we will not despair, we will keep hope alive.

The Lord is my portion, says my soul,

therefore I will hope in God.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

take delight in the Lord,

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust God, who will act.

GODLY PLAY

Tracy Caruso

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn" - GTG 461

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,
we confess that the seed
of faith within us is small.
Hope is often absent.
Love is frequently inconvenient.
Our sin keeps us from responding to you.
Tend to us in mercy,
so that we may grow in the ways
of faith, hope, and love,
after the example of Jesus Christ.

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

John 6:51 pg. 98

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Exodus 16:1-18 pgs. 62-63

SERMON

"God Provides Manna"

Fred Hartsook

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
- GTG 509

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Over the Rainbow"
Harold Arlen & Yip Harburg, arr. Keith Jarrett
trans. Friedrich Grossnick
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**

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**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
- GTG 65

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, October 12, 2025
"God Calls Samuel"
1 Samuel 3:1-21

GODLY PLAY: Exodus

In this story we see that God was with the People as they “went out” (the literal meaning of the word exodus) from slavery into freedom through water. The People of God look back to this time to sustain them when God is hidden and they feel lost. For the Jews, especially, the Feast of Passover keeps alive this core event. For Christians, Baptism reawakens this event.

We hope you will join us at 10:15am for our intergenerational memory verse time in the lounge. Everyone will begin in the worship service for our Godly Play story. Kids will be taken downstairs for work time and then will return for communion.

ST. JAMES FALL LUNCHEON

Save the Date for our Fall Luncheon: Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, 10/26, to join us downstairs for our annual fall luncheon. This year the deacons will be hosting a potato bar with all the fixings, drinks, and dessert. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

PUB THEOLOGY

Jimmy and Jessica Parks will facilitate a discussion with questions related to last week’s sermon as well as current events. This is not a lecture or Bible study, but an opportunity to have an open discussion in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Please reach out to jimmyjamesjimbo@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 6:30 - 7:30pm at Stemma West. 508 Carolina St., Bellingham. Childcare is available at Stemma.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR STARTING! -TODAY

This year, we will be inaugurating the St. James Children’s Choir, directed and accompanied by Leah Bruno. Children of any age may join, and those who may be shy are encouraged to bring an adult for support! Although regular attendance is encouraged, the choir is meant to be low-pressure, and kids who will not be present every Sunday may still join. Ample time will be given to learn each piece.

Who: children of any age (accompanying adults welcome!)

When: weekly, directly following the Sunday service; beginning October 5th in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will start with fun warm-up activities and move on to a selection of kid-friendly faith-based tunes.

Contact: Leah Bruno music@saintjamespres.org if you are interested or have any questions.

INTERFAITH COALITION - WINTER COAT DRIVE

Please support the Interfaith Coalition - Annual Winter Coat Drive. Bring new or clean, gently used coats, hats, gloves, socks and scarves to the church by October 19. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex. Thank you!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

On Friday October 10th we will be holding a potluck and game night in the Fellowship Hall from 6-8pm. Bring your favorite board games, a dish or snacks to share and prepare for a fun night of food, fellowship, and games.

TODDLER TIME IS BACK!

Join us on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10:30am for ages four and younger. Come join us in the St. James Fellowship Hall for an open play time. Parents have a chance to socialize with other parents and enjoy free coffee while their children play. This is a free, unstructured playtime; while it will be staffed, parents/guardians must be present at all times. We provide a few toys but feel free to bring your own to share.

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, October 5th:

John 6:51 (worship)

Exodus 16:1-8 (sermon)

Psalms 137

Psalms 37:1-9

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

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, 10/6	St. James Fitness - if interested, speak with Mark Beaty
Tuesday, 10/7	5:00pm, Building & Grounds
Wednesday, 10/8	8:30am, Toddler Time 4:00pm, Mission & Social Action 5:00pm, Finance 5:30pm, CFF (zoom)
Thursday, 10/9	8:30am, Coffee & Conversation at Makeworth St. James Fitness - if interested, speak with Mark Beaty 6:00pm, SJPC Bell Choir 7:00pm, SJPC Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday, 10/12	10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/ 12:00pm, Session

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 AI-Anon.....	Tuesdays
Linda's Tai Chi.....	Mondays
Little Sapling Music.....	Wednesdays/ Thursdays quarterly
Overeaters Anonymous.....	Saturdays
The Table Church.....	Sundays

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