



**Moran**  
**United Methodist Church**

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# Easter

## **CELEBRATION SERVICE**

Sunday, April 17th  
10:30 a.m.



*Welcome to worship on this Easter Sunday! We gather to celebrate the joyous good news of this blessed morning: Christ is risen!*

*Whether this is your first Sunday with us or you have been worshipping with us for many years, we want you to know that you are a beloved child of God and you belong here in our church family. If you are joining us in person, please wear a face mask and make sure it covers your mouth and nose.*

## **Prelude**

Patty Johnson

## **Placing Daffodils in the Cross**

*As you enter the Sanctuary, you are invited to come forward to the front of the Sanctuary and place the daffodil that you received as you arrived in the cross. As our Sanctuary fills this morning, the barren cross will burst with signs of life, reminding us of the joy of Christ's resurrection. If you were unable to place your daffodil before the service began, you may place it later in the service when you come forward for Holy Communion.*

## **Greeting**

Rev. Cody Natland

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Call To Worship**

Betty Smith, Liturgist

Leader: Lord, like the women at the tomb on the first Easter, we come out of our darkness and into your light.

People: **We come out of emptiness to enter your fullness.**

Leader: We come out of our hopelessness to find your joy.

People: **We come out of our confusion to seek your peace.**

Leader: We come far from home because we know we have been found.

People: **We come at your invitation to celebrate your risen life and to praise you as Lord. Amen.**

## **\* Hymn**

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" (UMH #302)

Patty Johnson

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## Prayers of the People

You are invited to offer your prayers aloud to God or share them in the video comments if watching on Facebook. Prayer requests can also be emailed to Pastor Cody at [PastorNatland@gmail.com](mailto:PastorNatland@gmail.com)

## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Cody Natland

## 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## \* Song "Forever"

Janice Wrhel

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

*Chorus:* Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

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## Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (NRSV)

Betty Smith

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the LORD.  
The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Gospel Lesson:** John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

Betty Smith

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Response: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!***

\* Hymn

"In The Garden"

Patty Johnson

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses

And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses

*Refrain:* And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing *Refrain*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling  
But He bids me go thro' the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling *Refrain*

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**Sermon** "The Fountain of Grace: The Cup That Never Runs Dry"

Rev. Cody Natland

### **Holy Communion**

*Following the Great Thanksgiving, those worshipping in person will be invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion, which will be served pre-packaged with the wafer and juice both included. To open the wafer, peel back the top plastic layer of packaging. To open the juice, lift the plastic tab (you may need to fold the plastic tab down first) and peel back the foil layer, making sure to hold it steadily as you do. You are welcome to either lift up your mask briefly to receive the elements, or you may hold onto them and receive them later.*

*Those joining us virtually are invited to gather elements for Holy Communion as we celebrate the Lord's extensive, welcoming table. The traditional elements are bread and grape juice/wine, but you are welcome to substitute whatever elements are available to you (water, juice, crackers, etc).*

### **Songs During Communion**

Janice Wrhel

#### **Agnus Dei**

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns  
Alleluia, Alleluia

You are holy, holy  
Are you Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb

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#### **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bringing above echoes of mercy, whispers of love *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his life. *Refrain*

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## Invitation to the Offering

*We invite you to give as God leads you to support our church and ministries as we seek to embrace, inspire, and serve, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. You may place your gift in the offering plates in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, give online at [moranumc.org/give](http://moranumc.org/give), or mail your gift to: 3601 E 65<sup>th</sup> Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.*

\* **Hymn** "He Lives" Patty Johnson

I serve a risen savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him, he's always near.

*Refrain:* He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last. *Refrain*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain*

## Benediction

We have come from darkness and despair to hope and joy. We have found the tomb empty, and are being sent forth to live and share the rest of the story. May we go forth to witness and testify to the message of hope we have received this day:

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

## Postlude

Patty Johnson

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## Easter Egg Hunt

Following this service at 11:45 a.m. outside, meet at the Gazebo

A Moran UMC tradition! Children age 0 through grade 5 are invited to search for eggs filled with candy and other prizes immediately following the Resurrection Service. We hope you will invite your kids, grandkids, and neighbors to enjoy this festive tradition!

### **Children's Sunday School (Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Our Children's Sunday School class is offered at 10:30am (during the worship service) in the Disciples/Shepherds Room at the east end of the church building. Masks are required to be worn by all children and adults, all teachers/volunteers are fully vaccinated, and we will maintain physical distancing between members of different households.

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### **Weekday Morning Prayer Group – Weekdays at 9am on Zoom**

We meet on Monday through Friday mornings for prayer, scripture, and a short meditation.

Join Morning Prayer by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/349727648>

Connect via Phone (home phone, landline, cell phone):

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 349 727 648)    +1 (346) 248-7799 (Meeting ID: 349 727 648)

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### **Pub Theology – Tuesdays at 6pm on Zoom**

Join by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/794159957>

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### **Monday Vespers and Holy Communion**

First Monday of each month at 6:30pm

*Our next Vespers Service will be Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

Connect via Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/moranchurch](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch)

Connect via Zoom (computer/tablet/smartphone: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/97155799598>

Connect via Phone (home phone, landline, cell phone):

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### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

*Will resume on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>*

Join us on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Zoom. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will resume our pre-Lent study series on Paul's Letter to the Galatians. We will begin at chapter 4.

Join by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/276855082>

Join by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

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### **Lord, Hear Our Prayers...**

- For **Dick Bastian**, who has begun hospice care at Hospice House. We pray for Dick, Joanne, and all of Dick's family.
- For the **family of Shirley Malcolm's brother, George**, who passed away last week.
- For **Carolyn**, Diane Van Leuven's mom, who is recovering from a brain bleed and small stroke.

- For **Penny Herold**, who is recovering from sinusitis.
- For **Rev. Gregg Sealey**, who is in need of a neck fusion surgery but awaiting biopsy results of a thyroid abnormality before they can move forward with surgery.
- For **Hazel**, Joan King's friend, and Hazel's mother **Sally**, who are both dealing with serious health issues.
- For **Daniel**, the husband of Roseann Thornberry's friend, who is in the hospital with an infection.
- For **Jim**, Elizabeth Williams' friend, who is recovering from a stroke.
- For **Sandra**, Elizabeth Williams' friend, who has lost hearing in one ear and is dizzy and nauseous as she recovers from labyrinthitis.
- For the **people of Ukraine, for world leaders, and for a peaceful end to the war.**
- For **Katherine Parker** and her ministry in Nepal.
- For **Dennis Rainey**, who is suffering from severe knee pain.
- For **Sandy Westrand**, who is having pain in her back and hip.
- For **Avery**, Joan King's friend, who has been battling cancer and now is also fighting COVID.
- For **hospitals and care centers**, and for all of the **doctors, nurses, and other medical staff.**
- For **schools, students, teachers, staff, and administrators.**
- For those who are **unhoused and inadequately housed.**
- For **Chuck**, Don Rodman's brother, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- For **Roseann Thornberry** who is continuing to recover from a stroke.
- For **Elizabeth Williams**, we pray for strength and healing as she continues cancer treatments.
- For **Clara**, Debbie Arnold's mother, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- For **Dylan and Dean Robinson**
- For **Mia**, Nola Lefler's granddaughter's friend, who is recovering from kidney failure.
- For **Martin Nelson**, Lois Moller's friend, recovering from serious burns.
- For **Joni Swartout**, recovering from illness.
- For **those impacted by bullying, racism, discrimination, and racist violence**, and we pray for **change in our nation.**
- For all who are sick, recovering, and grieving deaths from **COVID-19**. For those experiencing **loneliness and isolation.**
- For our local church leaders, our District Superintendent Rev. Daniel Miranda, and our Bishop Rev. Elaine Stanovsky.