

Moran United Methodist Church

April 18th, 2021 Worship Bulletin
Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Joanne Brown, Accompanist

Welcome

Welcome to worship! Though we are unable to gather in person today, we can still worship together and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected even while we are apart. This service will be livestreamed on Sunday morning at 10:30am via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/moranchurch) and on the front page of our website (www.moranumc.org). The recording will be available immediately following the livestream.

Call to Worship¹

Elizabeth Williams, Liturgist

Leader: How joyful it is to celebrate the good news of God's love!

People: We are called to be Easter people!

Leader: Darkness cannot claim us!

People: Fear cannot bind us!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! AMEN!

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

<http://bit.ly/LyricsAmazing>

Earth Day Litany

UMC Missionaries Grace Choi, Jae Choi, Didier Monga, & Tricia Manns

Full Text: <http://bit.ly/EarthDayLitany>

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

"Give Me Jesus"

<http://bit.ly/GiveMeLyrics>

Scripture

Psalm 4 (NRSV)

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"
You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Mark 24:36-48 (NRSV)

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Hymn "Crown Him With Many Crowns" <http://bit.ly/LyricsCrownHim>

Sermon *Finding Hope* Rev. Cody Natland

Invitation to the Offering

We invite you to continue to give your pledged gifts, offerings, and tithes to support the church and its ministries. Though the building is empty, our ministries continue to be active, and many of our expenses continue during this season. Please give as your financial situation allows.

You can give online at www.moranumc.org/give, or you can mail your donation to the church at 3601 E 65th Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.

Hymn "Reckless Love" <http://bit.ly/LyricsRL>

Benediction

O Lord, as you have made disciples of us, now you send us into the world to make disciples of others. Go with us and be our guide, that the witness of our lives may confirm the testimony of our lips.²

Postlude Joanne Brown

¹ *Call to Worship by Nancy Townley, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2565/worship-connection-april-18-2021>*

² *Benediction from <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5916/worship-elements-april-18-2021>*

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Virtual Coffee Hour

Sundays at 11:30am on Zoom

Immediately following the worship service

Join by Computer/Tablet/Smartphone: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96460688631>

Join by Phone (home phone, landline, or cell – no internet required)

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 964 6068 8631)

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Farewell Drive-Through for Richard Smith

Saturday, May 1st from 1-3pm

One of our beloved church family members, Richard Smith, is moving to England on May 10th. We will miss Richard very dearly, and want to make sure that we share our love with him and give him a strong send-off. **We invite you to come by Moran UMC on Saturday, May 1st for an outdoor, drive-through farewell for Richard.**

Monthly Game Night -- NEW DATE

Friday, April 23rd at 7:00pm

We have changed the date of our Monthly Game Night to this COMING Friday, April 23rd! All are invited to join their church family for a night of fun and fellowship. All ages are encouraged to join us for fellowship, fun, and friendly competition!

Join Zoom Meeting by computer/tablet/smartphone: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/98580880190>

Join by Phone (home phone, landline, cell)

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Meetings This Week

- **Finance Team Meeting** on Monday, April 19th at 10:00am (Zoom; link below)
- **Reimagining Team Meeting** on Monday, April 19th at 11:00am (Zoom; link below)
- **Worship Team Meeting** on Wednesday, April 21st at 10:00am (Zoom; link below)

Join by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/5094487102>

Join by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 509 448 7102)

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Mission Monday Drive-Through

Mondays from 10:00am - Noon at Moran UMC

We invite you to drop off any donations you have for **Shalom Ministries** and **Second Harvest Food Bank** on Monday you mornings from 10:00am - Noon at Moran UMC. Bins for donations to each of these organizations will be available along the curb at the front of the church building (or in the church doorway when there is inclement weather) with contact-free drop-off.

Mission Thursday on April 22nd from 4-6pm

Every Fourth Thursday from 4:00-6:00pm at Moran UMC

If Monday mornings don't work for you to bring your donations by the church, we're happy to offer another opportunity! Bins for donations will be available along the curb at the front of the church building (or in the church doorway when there is inclement weather) with contact-free drop-off.

Weekday Morning Prayer Group

Weekdays at 9am

Join us Monday through Friday mornings for prayer, scripture, and a short meditation.

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

Join by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

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

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Monday Vespers and Holy Communion

Mondays at 6:30pm

Join us for a short evening vespers service of scripture, prayer, and sharing Holy Communion. You can connect with the vespers service either through Zoom (which allows you to participate via home phone if you are not internet connected or have a weak connection) or on Facebook. You are encouraged to bring communion elements with you as you connect in to the service.

Connect via Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/moranchurch

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

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

+1 253 215 8782 (Meeting ID: 971 5579 9598)

+1 346 248 7799 (Meeting ID: 971 5579 9598)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm

We are excited to begin a brand new series focusing on the **Book of Ruth** this week, on Wednesday, April 21st. Please plan to read the first chapter of Ruth in preparation for our time together, and we will focus on the background of the book and that first chapter this week.

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 **Gwen Tichenor**, who is recovering from an infection.
- For Jacque Davis' grandsons's wife, **Vanessa**, who is recovering from serious back injuries after a rock climbing accident. We also pray for her husband **Tony** and son **Jack**.
- For **Sandra Prizeman** who is now home recovering from her recent surgery to remove a tumor near her brain stem. She celebrates that the biopsy of the tumor has brought encouraging news.
- For **Mary Alice Huneywell**, who fell and broke her shoulder last week. She is recovering well, but healing will take a lot of time.
- For the **Black community and for those in the Minneapolis area** as they are impacted by another officer involved shooting of an unarmed Black man.
- For **victims, families, and the people of Indianapolis, Indiana** grieving a mass shooting on Thursday.
- For **Jana Kifer**, who is healing from a broken shoulder.
- For the communities of **Boulder, Colorado and Atlanta, Georgia** following mass shootings.
- For the **Asian and Asian American community** facing an increase in racism, discrimination, and racist violence.
- For **Penny Herold's granddaughters** who are facing health problems.
- For **Rovella Vawter**, who is on hospice care.
- For **Bonnie Presnell**, who is on hospice care.
- For **Shirley Malcolm** as her arm continues to heal.
- For **Ardis Storms**, who is recovering from kidney failure.
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For **Barbara Caviezel** as she continues to recover from kidney failure.
- For **Richard Smith** as he prepares to move to England in May.
- For Joan King's friends, **Avery** and **Monica**, who are battling cancer.
- For **Lynley**, the daughter of a childhood friend of Harriet Van Wyck.
- For **Ed Malcolm** as he manages pain in his esophagus and back.
- For the **McCrea-Jones Family**.
- For all who are sick, recovering, and grieving deaths from **COVID-19**. For those experiencing **loneliness and isolation**.
- For those who are working for change in our nation around issues of **racial justice**.
- For our **church leaders** as they continue to envision a gradual, phased reopening process for our church and those around our Annual Conference. For our local church leaders and our Bishop, Rev. Elaine Stanovsky.