

# Moran United Methodist Church

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Worship Bulletin  
Fourth 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](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch)) and on the front page of our website ([www.moranumc.org](http://www.moranumc.org)). The recording will be available immediately following the livestream.

## Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

Joan King, Liturgist

Leader: Come, walk with the Lord this day.

**People: We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.**

Leader: The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored. The mother hen will give you shelter under her wings.

**People: We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.**

Leader: In the midst of all the turmoil, the Lord will provide for your needs abundantly.

**People: Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. Amen.**

## Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

<http://bit.ly/RisenTodayLyrics>

## 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

### 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

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

<http://bit.ly/FountLyrics>

## Scripture

### ***Psalm 23 (NRSV)***

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff—  
 they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
 in the presence of my enemies;  
 you anoint my head with oil;  
 my cup overflows.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
 all the days of my life,  
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
 my whole life long.

### **Mark 24:36-48 (NRSV)**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”

Jesus said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’”

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

**Hymn**                    "Thy Word"                    <http://bit.ly/ThyLyrics>  
**Sermon**                    *Cultivating Resilience*                    Rev. Cara Scriven

### **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](http://www.moranumc.org/give), or you can mail your donation to the church at 3601 E 65<sup>th</sup> Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.

**Hymn**                    "Agnus Dei"                    <http://bit.ly/AgnusLyrics>

### **Benediction**

Nourished by the Shepherd’s abundant love, go forth to walk in the paths of righteousness. Love one another in truth and action. May God’s abundant blessings abide in you forever. Amen.<sup>2</sup>

**Postlude**                    Joanne Brown

<sup>1</sup> *Call to Worship adapted from Nancy Townley,*  
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2640/worship-connection-april-25-2021>

<sup>2</sup> *Benediction written by Mary Petrina Boyd,* <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5917/worship-elements-april-25-2021>

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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)

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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.**

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### **Reimagining/Reopening Update**

The Reimagining Team is excited to share some changes to our guidelines for reopening at Moran UMC, bringing new opportunities for our church family to gather for worship and fellowship. At the same time, we continue to be vigilant regarding the spread of new variants of the virus, and about our local covid-19 case rates here in Spokane County, which remain high.

**Outdoor Worship:** Beginning on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> (Mothers' Day) we will be offering weekly outdoor worship services on Sundays mornings at 10:30am on the north lawn of Moran UMC, near the gazebo. We will also continue to live-stream these services on Facebook and our church website.

**Prayer and Meditation:** We have both outdoor and indoor space available for individual or family use for prayer and meditation throughout the week. Outdoors, our beautiful **Memorial Garden**, located just east of the accessible parking spaces and west of the gazebo, is available at any time. Indoors, the **Sanctuary** is open during staffed office hours (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00am – 3:00pm).

**Outdoor Gatherings:** Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, small groups of up to 10 people may meet outdoors at Moran UMC for worship, discipleship, and fellowship. Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing of 6+ feet must be observed. Each small group needs to have a coordinator/contact person who will work with Pastor Cody for scheduling and to ensure that procedures are followed. Leaders of ongoing small groups are encouraged to discern with their group members if a return to in-person gatherings is right for their group. We also hope that new small groups will be formed as we begin our return to in-person ministries; please contact Pastor Cody if you have an idea for a new group you would like to see, or if you would like to connect with a small group.

**Indoor Gatherings:** Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Fellowship Hall will be open on a limited basis for essential Ministry Team and Committee meetings with up to 10 people. Mask must be worn at all times and social distancing of 6+ feet must be observed. Chairpersons and Team Leaders who

would like to hold an in-person meeting need to contact Pastor Cody for scheduling and to ensure that procedures are followed.

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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 Drive-Through**

*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.

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### **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](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**

Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm

Most of us are familiar with the story of Ruth generally, but few of us have spent time studying this beautiful and inspiring book of the Bible in depth. What are the lessons that we can learn from Ruth

and her deep sense of love for her mother-in-law Naomi? What can we learn from the other parts of the story that give us pause, presenting a view of marriage that doesn't immediately resonate with many of us? We hope you will join us on Wednesday evenings as we continue to make our way through this short but inspiring book.

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 **Joni Swartout** who is recovering from recent illness.
- For **Heidi**, a friend of Tim Decker, who is recovering from serious injuries to her back, pelvis, and knee after a vehicle accident. We also pray for the family of **Hugh**, a young man who lost his life in the accident.
- For the family of **Bonnie Presnell** who passed away on April 18th.
- For **Gwen Tichenor**, who is recovering from an infection.
- For Jacque Davis' grandson'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 **Jana Kifer**, who is healing from a broken shoulder.
- For the communities of **Indianapolis, Indiana; 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 **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 **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.