

Moran United Methodist Church

April 26, 2020 Worship Bulletin

Welcome

Welcome to worship! Though we are unable to gather in person today, we can still worship together and celebrate the gift of the 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.

Opening Prayer *(you are invited to read this aloud in unison)*

Loving God, come walk this journey with us and speak a word of peace to our hearts today. May we, like those disciples on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives and our hearts burning within us. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. AMEN.¹

Hymn

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

<https://bit.ly/3cFBjT7>

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

"Amazing Grace"

<https://bit.ly/3cle3Uy>

Scripture

Debbie Maxson, Liturgist

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (NRSV)

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD,
 I will pay my vows to the LORD
 in the presence of all his people.
 Precious in the sight of the LORD
 is the death of his faithful ones.
 O LORD, I am your servant;
 I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
 You have loosed my bonds.
 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
 and call on the name of the LORD.
 I will pay my vows to the LORD
 in the presence of all his people,
 in the courts of the house of the LORD,
 in your midst, O Jerusalem.
 Praise the LORD!

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon "He Is Alive: In The Breaking Of The Bread" Rev. Cody Natland
The sermon will be delivered during the livestream and on the video recording (Facebook and website); it will be mailed to those without email/internet access in the coming week.

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.

Song "Christ Is Alive" <https://bit.ly/2Kq6shx>

Benediction

May we be bold to expect the presence of the Lord in our midst, and may we be ready to recognize him in every step of our journey. Let our hearts burn within us as we go forth into the joy of the risen Christ. AMEN.

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