

Moran United Methodist Church

August 23rd, 2020 Worship Bulletin
12th Sunday After Pentecost

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 Worship *(you are invited to read this responsively)*¹

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
People: We belong to God.
 Leader: When we feel overwhelmed,
People: God is on our side.
 Leader: When we are afraid,
People: God will calm our fears.
 Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
People: Blessed be the Lord! Amen.

Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

<http://bit.ly/ImmortalLyrics>

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 "On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand"

<http://bit.ly/ChristTheSolidRock>

Scripture

Psalm 124 (NRSV)

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
 —let Israel now say—
 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
 when our enemies attacked us,
 then they would have swallowed us up alive,
 when their anger was kindled against us;
 then the flood would have swept us away,
 the torrent would have gone over us;

then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Hymn "It Is Well" <http://bit.ly/ItIsWellLyrics>

Sermon "Does God Pick Sides?" 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 "Everlasting God" <http://bit.ly/EverlastingGodLyrics>

Benediction

We rejoice, knowing that God has empowered us for ministry in this very moment. Though we cannot know what lies ahead, we step forward boldly knowing that God is at our side. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Go in peace. **AMEN.**

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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)

+1 (346) 248-7799 (Meeting ID: 964 6068 8631)

Monday Evening Vespers and Holy Communion

Mondays at 6:30pm

Zoom and Facebook Live

Join us on Mondays at 6:30pm for an 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 Live through our Facebook page.

You are encouraged to bring communion elements with you as you connect in to the service. The traditional elements are bread and grape juice, but other bread products (crackers, etc.) or juice/water will be fine.

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

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

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School Supply Drive

Next Drive-Through Drop-Off Opportunity: Monday, August 31st from 10-11am

This year's school supply needs are a little bit different, since we now know that all of the students at Mullan Road Elementary and other Spokane Public Schools will begin the school year in a distance learning model. This means that young students will be needing some additional supplies that are typically provided by the school, since they will be doing their work from home instead of in the classroom.

We invite you to drop off your school supply donations at the church on Monday, August 31st from 10-11am, and they will be taken to Mullan Road Elementary School for distribution to students in need.

We also invite you drop off donations for **Shalom Ministries** and **Second Harvest** at that time.

- Crayons (16 pack)
- Colored Pencils (8-12 pack)
- Markers

- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Ruler
- Pencil Pouch
- Composition Books (wide and college ruled)
- Spiral Notebooks (wide and college ruled)
- Notebook Paper (loose leaf; wide and college ruled)
- White Copy/Printer Paper
- Portfolio Folders with Pockets
- Scissors
- 3-Ring Zippered Binders with dividers

Prayer Requests

- For the joy of a successful Vacation Bible School (virtual and at-home) and the 36 kids that participated from 20 families. Thanks to all of the staff and volunteers who helped, and for the whole congregation who offered prayers and encouragement.
- For Dennis Rainey's continued rest and healing.
- For continued healing and strength for Jeff Johnson, Richard Smith, and Pastor Barbara Caviezel.
- For Mark and Theresa Kamitomo and the Kamitomo family as they grieve the death of Mark's mother on August 4th.
- For Karen Tauscher as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For Baby Jack as he has been released from the hospital. We pray for his continued strength and recovery, and for his family as they care for him.
- For school districts, administrators, teachers, and families as prepare for the coming school year.
- For those who are working for change in our nation around issues of racial justice.
- For those who are experiencing loneliness and isolation.
- For our church leaders as they continue to envision a gradual, phased reopening process for our church. For our local church leaders and for our Bishop, Elaine Stanovsky.
- For our local, state, and national leaders.