

# Moran United Methodist Church

August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Worship Bulletin  
13<sup>th</sup> 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](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 *(you are invited to read this responsively)*

Leader: Have you heard God's calling in your life?

People: **We want to say yes, but sometimes we're unsure. Sometimes we know what God wants us to do, but at other times things are not very clear.**

Leader: Place your trust in the Lord. God is with you always.

People: **Lord, it is a scary thing to do, to place our trust in you.**

Leader: God is with you. Set your mind God, take up your cross, and follow.

People: **God, lead us forward with steady feet. AMEN.**

Song "Great Are You God" <http://bit.ly/GreatAreYouLyrics>

## 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.**

Hymn "Where He Leads Me" <http://bit.ly/WhereHeLeadsLyrics>

## Scripture

### **Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSV)**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who

lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

### **Romans 12:9-21 (NRSV)**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Hymn** "Let There Be Peace On Earth" <http://bit.ly/PeaceOnEarthLyrics>

**Sermon** "Set Your Mind, and Follow" 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](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.

**Song** "I Will Follow" <http://bit.ly/FollowLyrics>

### **Benediction**

Go forth, taking up your cross and following the Lord. May we be strengthened by this time of worship and community so that we can go forth with confidence to walk in God's paths that lead to peace and healing. Go in peace. **AMEN.**

### 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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

### **Family News from Pastor Cody**

My family is overjoyed to share some big news with you! Crystal and I are in the process of adopting a 3-year-old daughter. Charley and Cedar are very excited to have a sister, and we are all looking forward to learning to be a family together. We look forward to sharing more information and photos with you soon, and to introduce her to her Moran Church Family virtually and in person when we can. We thank you for your celebration, support, and prayers during this time.

### **Prayer Requests**

- For Lis McCrea-Jones, who celebrates that she was offered a new job closer to home and will start next month.
- For Kim Newman, who had a stroke last Sunday afternoon. Kim is recovering well and her speech is improving, though her doctors are still trying to understand what caused the stroke. Please pray for Kim and her family (husband Aaren, children Preston and Lily) as Kim recovers and as the family looks forward to being able to see each other again.
- For continued healing and strength for Dennis Rainey, Jeff Johnson, Richard Smith, and Pastor Barbara Caviezel.
- For Karen Tauscher as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For Baby Jack's 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. Spokane Public Schools begin the school year on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.