

Moran United Methodist Church

February 14th, 2021 Worship Bulletin
Sixth Sunday in Epiphany

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

Lois Moller, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord has called you here this day.

People: Lord, reveal to us your pathways and purposes for us.

Leader: Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

People: We come that we might grow deeper in our relationship with God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

People: Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. Amen.

Song

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

<http://bit.ly/2FIFlj4>

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.who

Hymn

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

<http://bit.ly/DoxologyLyrics>

Scripture

Psalm 105:1-6 (NRSV)

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

John 15:1-11 (NRSV)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

Hymn "Come Down O Love Divine" <http://bit.ly/ComeDownOLyrics>

Sermon *Three Simple Rules: Stay In Love With God* 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.

Song "Soul On Fire" <http://bit.ly/LyricsOnFire>

Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**²

Postlude

Joanne Brown

¹ *Call to Worship* written by Nancy Townley. Accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2346/worship-connection-february-14-2021>

² *From the Morning Prayer liturgy from Northumbria Community's Celtic Daily Prayer, published by Collins.*

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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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Monday Vespers and Holy Communion

Monday Evenings at 6:30pm

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Mission Monday Drive-Through

Mondays from 10:00am - Noon at Moran UMC

Shalom Ministries and Second Harvest

We invite you to curbside drop-off of any donations you have for Shalom Ministries and Second Harvest on Monday 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.

Anti-Racism Book Study and Discussion

Monday Afternoons at 1pm (Zoom)

We wrapped up our discussion of the book *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates at the end of January. We will continue to engage in conversation and racial justice work together in February as we begin a new book together on Monday, February 8th. We will also continue to talk about how to implement what we are learning in this study in our everyday lives and in the life of our church.

Please join us on Monday afternoons beginning February 8th as we read and discuss the book *How to Be An Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Dr. Kendi is a professor of history and the director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research. The book is available at the library, from Amazon, or from other booksellers. If you would like to participate but are unable to get a copy of the book, please let Pastor Cody know and he will make sure you can fully participate.

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Renewing Our Missionary Partnership with Katherine Parker

Katherine Parker will join us live on Zoom next Sunday, February 28th during our Virtual Coffee Hour to share more with us about her current work in Nepal, as well as to answer any questions that we have. Please plan to attend the Virtual Coffee Hour gathering immediately after the worship service (See the Zoom information above).

Every year in February we have a special fund drive to support and renews our covenant relationship with Missionary Katherine Parker who serves in Nepal. Her work focuses on maternal and child health, water, sanitation, and hygiene. She had to come back to the states because of the pandemic, but continues her work in Nepal from California. We can continue to be a blessing to our community and abroad by offering kindness and love, and by our support for Katherine Parker's incredible ministry.

We invite you to give a special gift this month as you are able to support our church's commitment to covenant with Katherine Parker in her missionary work. You can give to this special offering by mailing your gift to the church or giving online at moranumc.org/give and putting a note on your gift that it is for "Missionary Support: Katherine Parker."

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00pm via Livestream (Facebook & Website)

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00pm via livestream on Facebook and on our church website. You can access the service in the same way you access our Sunday morning worship services. This service will be a collaborative service offered by the District Superintendents of the Inland District and Seven Rivers District, and shared by many of the churches in those two districts.

If you are able, we invite you to come by the church on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday (February 15th, 16th, or 17th) between 10am and 5pm to pick up bags with Lenten Worship and Discipleship materials. We will have pre-packed bags available on a table outside of the building ready for you to pick up, while maintaining social distancing. When you pick up your materials, we encourage you to sign your name on the sheet that will be on a clipboard alongside the bags so that we know who has picked them up, and who might need these materials delivered.

If you can't make these pick-up days, or if you need these materials to be mailed or delivered, please call the Church Office to let us know at (509)448-7102.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Study

The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life

Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm, beginning February 24th (Zoom)

During the season of Lent, we commit to preparing our hearts and souls for the good news of Jesus' resurrection on Easter. Historically, this is a season of fasting and spiritual discipline, where we intentionally focus on our relationship to and with God. This year, we will focus on growing closer to God through spiritual disciplines and practices throughout the Lenten season.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings beginning on February 24th from 6-7:15pm on Zoom. We will be working through a study series called *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Rev. Adam Hamilton. In *The Walk*, Hamilton focuses on five spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is a part of our daily walk with Christ and an essential part of growing together in the church.

The video segments will be available for you to watch online each week in preparation for our study sessions, which will take place on Zoom. Stay tuned this month (in our Moran Weekly emails or in your mailed weekly bulletin) for specific information on how to access those videos once they are available. The accompanying book is optional, and Pastor Cody has a few copies available for \$10 each. They can also be found on Amazon or Cokesbury. *If the cost of purchasing the book is a*

burden for you, but you would like a copy, please contact Pastor Cody and he will ensure that you are able to get a copy.

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Covid-19 Vaccine -- Phase 1B

Washington State is now in Phase 1B of the Covid-19 Vaccine rollout. This means that current eligibility includes anyone who is over the age of 65, and all people 50 and older who live in a multigenerational household.

Some of our church members have shared that they have had success scheduling vaccinations through the **MyChart/Patient Portal** for both **Providence** and **Multicare**. **CHAS** is operating a mass vaccine clinic at the Spokane Arena, which has a limited supply of vaccines available daily. Vaccine appointment scheduling will reopen on Tuesday, February 9th at 5pm.

For those who are patients of Multicare, you can also call their automated vaccine information line at 833-770-0530 to be added to the vaccine waitlist and/or sign up for text updates.

If you are included in Phase 1B and need assistance with making an appointment for a vaccination, please contact the church office and we will try to help.

Prayer Requests

- For **Donna Hauser**, who entered hospice care at Hospice House on Friday. Donna is comfortable and feels at peace.
- For **Rovella Vawter**, who has been diagnosed with stomach cancer and entered hospice care at home this week.
- For **Shirley Malcolm**, who shares the good news that her arm is healing well on its own and won't require surgery, though her recovery will be long.
- For Jacque Davis' daughter **Beth**, her husband **Mark**, and their daughter **Lainey**. Mark was diagnosed with covid this week, and the whole family will have to quarantine for 14 days.
- Ardis Storms shares the joy that she is now a great grandma, as her granddaughter Alexis gave birth to a baby boy, **Weston**, on Wednesday. Congratulations to **Alexis** and **Kacey** on the birth of their son!
- For **Alia Smith and her family**. Alia's Uncle **Jeff** passed away on Saturday, February 6th from complications from Covid-19. We pray for comfort, strength, and peace for Jeff, for his wife **Margie**, and for all of their family.
- For **Harriet Van Wyck**, healing from vertigo.
- For **Crystal Natland** as she continues to heal from an emergency appendectomy on Sunday, January 31st. Crystal is doing very well, and the Natlands share their thanks for all of the prayers and support from their church family.
- For **Ardis Storms**, who shares that she is feeling much better this week as she continues to recover at home from kidney failure.

- For Jane Bates' daughter, **Kyla**, who is home recovering from surgery after breaking multiple bones in January.
- For Lois Moller's cousin, **Randy**, who is recovering from heart surgery.
- For **Penny Herold**, who is sick with a severe case of sinusitis.
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For **Barbara Caviezel** as she continues to recover at home from kidney failure.
- For **Richard Smith** as he prepares to move to England in May.
- For our **family members, friends, and community members who are ill with Covid-19**.
- 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.
- For **Jeannie McDermott**, as her eye continues to heal and her vision is slowly improving.
- 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 **recovering from natural disasters and wildfires**.
- 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.