

Moran United Methodist Church

February 28th, 2021 Worship Bulletin
Second Sunday in Lent

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

Rev. Cody Natland

The Call to Worship this week will not use a call and response format. Instead, it will be a guided invitation to centering ourselves for worship and actively listening for God.

Song

"Here I Am To Worship"

<http://bit.ly/LyricsHereToWorship>

Prayers of the People¹

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.

Hymn

"I Surrender All"

<http://bit.ly/LyricsSurrenderAll>

Scripture

Psalm 22:23-31 (NRSV)

You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember
 and turn to the LORD;
 and all the families of the nations
 shall worship before him.
 For dominion belongs to the LORD,
 and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
 and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;
 future generations will be told about the Lord,
 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
 saying that he has done it.

Mark 8:31-9:8 (NRSV)

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

Hymn "Open My Eyes That I May See" <http://bit.ly/OpenMyLyrics>

Sermon *Again & Again, We Are Called To Listen* Rev. Cody Natland

Prayer of Confession²

Leader: Listening God,

People: **Take what is closed in us and open it. Take what is distracted in us and settle it. Take what is hurting in us and hold it.**

Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you. For we are like Peter, O God. We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see. And we almost always speak sooner than we listen.

So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us. We long to hear you more clearly. We long to know you more fully.

With hope we pray, and with gratitude we confess. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Siblings in Christ, we confess with gratitude because we know that God already has heard and forgiven us. No matter what we have done or left undone, we are held in God's hand. So rest in this good news:

People: **God invites us in. God meets us where we are. God hears our prayers. God forgives us.**

Leader: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

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 "Oceans"

<http://bit.ly/LyricsOceans>

Benediction

Place your trust in God's guidance. Go into this world that is in such need of hope and healing with the love of Christ in your hearts. Though the journey is long, God will sustain you. Go in peace, and may God's peace always go with you. AMEN.³

Postlude

Joanne Brown

^{1, 2} *Prayers by Sara Are, A Sanctified Art LLC, www.sanctifiedart.org*

³ *Benediction by Nancy Townley. Accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2398/worship-connection-february-28-2021>. Used with permission.*

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Virtual Coffee Hour

Sundays at 11:30am on Zoom

Immediately following the worship service

Join by Computer/Tablet/Smartphone: <https://greater-nw.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)

Please join us on Monday afternoons 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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Wednesday Evening Lenten Study

The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life

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

Please plan to watch the video clip (about 13 minutes) before our session on Wednesday evening. To access the video clip, go to <http://bit.ly/MUMCTheWalk>. You may need to click "Continue to website," and then click "Session 2 Study.mp4" If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Pastor Cody.

Join us on Wednesday evenings 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 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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Renewing Our Missionary Partnership with Katherine Parker

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."

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**. Appointments for vaccinations at the **Spokane Arena location** are now being managed by the Washington State Department of Health, and you can call the information hotline at 1-800-525-0127 and press #.

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 those in Texas and throughout the country who are **recovering from the recent storms and power outages**.
- For **Sue Robinson**, a retired UMC pastor, who is recovering from back surgery. We pray for comfort and pain management.
- For the **family of Anna Marie**, who passed away last week.
- For **Kim and Aaren Newman, Preston and Lilly, and the rest of Kim's family** as they grieve the death of her father last week.
- For the **family of Donna Hauser**, who passed away last week.
- For **Eve and the rest of the family of Bob Montgomery**, who passed away last week.
- For **Leslie**, a friend of Jennifer Kendall, and Leslie's family. Leslie's husband passed away suddenly last week.
- For **Rovella Vawter**, who is on hospice care.
- For **Bonnie Presnell**, who is on hospice care.
- For **Shirley Malcolm** as her arm continues to heal.
- 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.
- For **Harriet Van Wyck**, healing from vertigo.

- For **Ardis Storms**, who is recovering 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 **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For **Barbara Caviezel** as she continues to recover 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 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.