

# Moran United Methodist Church

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Worship Bulletin

Second Sunday in Epiphany

## 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: We are here to worship God,

**People: Who has seen us and known us from the beginning;**

Leader: Who knows us even better than we know ourselves;

**People: Who has fearfully and wonderfully made each and every one of us.**

Leader: O God, you have created this world and everything in it.

**People: O God, we know that whatever darkness we face, you are with us. Let us find our rest and hope in you. Amen.**

## Hymn

"This Is A Day Of New Beginnings"

<http://bit.ly/ThisIsADay>

## 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.**

## Song

"You Never Let Go"

<http://bit.ly/NeverLetGoLyrics>

## Scripture

### ***Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (NRSV)***

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

### ***Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)***

Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

**Hymn**

"Christ For The World We Sing"

<http://bit.ly/ChristForTheWorldLyrics>

**Sermon**

*Beyond The Manger: Jesus The Refugee*

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](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.

## Hymn

"Micah 6:8"

<http://bit.ly/Micah68Lyrics>

## Benediction

And now, sisters and brothers, go from this time of worship knowing that the God who made you also sustains you. The God who calls you also goes with you. The God who loved you before you were born still loves you today, and into all the tomorrows. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Benediction by Laura Jaquith Bartlett. Accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2224/worship-elements-january-17-2021>.*

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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

Connect via Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/moranchurch](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch)

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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 took a break from this study during the month of December, but we will resume this month as we read and discuss the second half of the book *Between The World And Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. We will begin on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of Part Two.

Want to join us but weren't a part of "Part One"? No worries! We'd love to have you join in. Copies of the book can be checked out from the library or purchased on Amazon for about \$13 new, or less for used copies. You can order a copy at <https://amzn.to/3kTUKfb>, or let Pastor Cody know and he would be happy to order a copy for you.

Join on Zoom by computer/tablet/smartphone: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/276855082>

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## Wednesday Evening Bible Study: *The Book of Jonah*

Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15pm

Beginning January 13th (Zoom)

On Wednesday evenings, we will be reading through the Book of Jonah, hearing the story of Jonah's calling by God to go to Nineveh – and Jonah's response to board a ship and flee to Tarshish, instead. This short book is just four chapters long, but it can teach us so much about what it means to be called by God, the kinds of things God calls us to do, and the places God sends us. We hope that you will join us as we engage this fascinating book of the Bible together!

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## Prayer Requests

- For **our nation** as we heal, seeking peace and unity as we prepare for a peaceful transition of power in the White House. We pray that we will not see acts of violence in the coming week.
- For **Joe Biden** and **Kamala Harris** as they prepare for their new roles as President and Vice President, and for **Donald Trump** and **Mike Pence** as they transition to private life.
- For **Ardis Storms**, who is currently hospitalized with kidney failure.
- For **those in our community who are still without power** following the wind storm this week. We also pray for the **families and friends of those who were killed in the storm**.
- For Jane Bates' daughter, **Kyla**, who was hit by a car this week and is facing major surgeries for broken bones.
- For **Barbara Caviezel** as she continues to recover at home from kidney failure.
- For all who live in the **Affinity community** as they had a positive case of Covid-19 this week. We pray for those who are sick and all who are quarantining.

- For **Richard Smith**, who learned this week that some cancer cells have cropped up. Richard has also shared that he plans to move back to England this spring to be closer to his sister.
- For our **family members, friends, and community members who are ill with Covid-19.**
- For **Debbie Maxson and her family.** Debbie's sister, **Barbara**, passed away on January 4<sup>th</sup> from complications of cancer.
- For **Beverly Polk and her family.** Bev's brother, **Bob**, passed away on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 continued healing and strength for **Kim Newman, Jeff Johnson, and Evangeline Johnson.**
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For all who are sick, recovering, and grieving deaths from **COVID-19.** For those experiencing **loneliness and isolation.**
- For **residents and health professionals in Spokane County** as our COVID-19 numbers continue to be elevated.
- 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.