

# Moran United Methodist Church

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Worship Bulletin

Third 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: God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,

**People: "Here I am!"**

Leader: Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,

**People: "Here I am!"**

Leader: Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day, and we answer,

**People: "Here I am!" Amen.**

## Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

<http://bit.ly/LyricsHereIAm>

## 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

"He Is Exalted"

<http://bit.ly/ExaltedLyrics>

## Scripture

### **1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NRSV)**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the

boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

### **Luke 2:41-52 (NRSV)**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**Hymn** "Father, I Adore You" <http://bit.ly/AdoreYouLyrics>

**Sermon** *Beyond The Manger: A Parent's Worst Fear* 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.

**Song** "I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever" <http://bit.ly/LyricsYourLoveForever>

### **Benediction**

As the Son of God came into the world, may we as his brothers and sisters go into the world, giving thanks for life in word and deed, and growing in love for God and neighbor. Go forth to be about the business of our heavenly Father. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

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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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### **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** will begin taking appointments for vaccinations on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

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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.

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### **Anti-Racism Book Study and Discussion**

Monday Afternoons at 1pm (Zoom)

We will have the final session of our current study of the book *Between The World And Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates this Monday, January 25th at 1:00pm. After this week, we will continue our Anti-Racism Study with a new book, with details to be announced soon.

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

On Wednesday evenings, we are 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. For all who are serving in new elected and appointed positions.
- For **Ardis Storms**, who is home recovering from kidney failure. She shares that recovery is slow, but she is hopeful.
- For Jane Bates' daughter, **Kyla**, who was hit by a car last week and is still awaiting the availability of a bed so that she can have surgery for broken bones.
- For **Shirley Malcolm** who is recovering from two fractures in her arm after a fall.
- 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. Karen continues treatment for the tumor in her brain, but celebrates that the tumor in her lung is gone!
- 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. We pray for those who are sick and all who are quarantining.
- 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 continued healing and strength for **Kim Newman, Jeff Johnson, and Evangeline Johnson**.
- 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.