

Moran United Methodist Church

July 19th, 2020 Worship Bulletin
7th 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 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

Leader: The Lord knows each and every one of us and loves each one dearly.
People: Sometimes it feels as though God has drifted away from us.
 Leader: Be strong! Look for the ways in which God is present to you.
People: Given all the troubles of the day, we often look more closely at them.
 Leader: Come, open your hearts and spirits to God's love and presence
People: Lord, help us to see your presence in all of life's circumstances. AMEN.

Hymn "Breathe On Me, Breath Of God" <https://bit.ly/BreathOfGodLyrics>

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.

Song "Never Once" <https://bit.ly/NeverOnceLyrics>

Scripture

Genesis 28:10-19a (NRSV)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and set out for Haran. He reached a certain place and spent the night there. When the sun had set, he took one of the stones at that place and put it near his head. Then he lay down there. He dreamed and saw a raised staircase, its foundation on earth and its top touching the sky, and God's messengers were ascending and descending on it. Suddenly the LORD was standing on it and saying, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will become like the dust of the earth; you will spread out to the west, east, north, and south. Every family of earth will be blessed because of you and your descendants. I am with

you now, I will protect you everywhere you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised you.”

When Jacob woke from his sleep, he thought to himself, The LORD is definitely in this place, but I didn't know it. He was terrified and thought, This sacred place is awesome. It's none other than God's house and the entrance to heaven. After Jacob got up early in the morning, he took the stone that he had put near his head, set it up as a sacred pillar, and poured oil on the top of it. He named that sacred place Bethel.

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (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.

Where can I go from your spirit?
 Or where can I flee from your presence?
 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
 if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
 If I take the wings of the morning
 and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
 even there your hand shall lead me,
 and your right hand shall hold me fast.
 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
 and the light around me become night,”
 even the darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day,
 for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
 test me and know my thoughts.
 See if there is any wicked way in me,
 and lead me in the way everlasting.

Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

<https://bit.ly/ComeThouFountLyrics>

Sermon "Raising Our Ebenezer"

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, or you can mail your donation to the church at 3601 E 65th Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.

Song "God of Wonders"

<https://bit.ly/GodOfWondersLyrics>

Benediction

Go into the day and week ahead with confidence and hope, ready to be surprised by the presence of God. Open your hearts to the sacredness of each moment and place. May God meet you and bless you on your journey. **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)

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Evening Vespers and Holy Communion

Monday, July 20th at 6:30pm

Zoom and Facebook Live

Join on Monday, July 20th at 6:00pm 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

Connect via Zoom (computer/tablet/smartphone):

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/97155799598>

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Prayer Requests

- Jeff Johnson had a heart attack on Wednesday. After having a stent put in, he is recovering and gaining strength.
- Richard Smith continues to heal.
- We celebrate that Baby Jack (Gail Allgood's niece's 8-month old son) has received a donated liver. Transplant surgery went well, and we continue to pray for Jack and his family as Jack recovers from surgery.
- Lori Thompson continues to heal from her recent surgery.
- 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.
- For those who are speaking up and calling for change in our nation.
- For those who are experiencing loneliness and isolation.

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