

Moran United Methodist Church

July 26th, 2020 Worship Bulletin
8th 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 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

Leader: Come and worship God with your whole heart.

People: We come as mustard seeds of faith.

Leader: Come and worship God with your whole soul.

People: We come as leaven for the world.

Leader: Come and worship God with your whole mind.

People: We come as treasures and pearls of great price, enriching the world with our witness.

Leader: Come and worship God with your whole life.

People: We come to offer ourselves in worship and thanksgiving. AMEN.

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

<https://bit.ly/BeThouLyrics>

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

"How Great is Our God"

<https://bit.ly/LyricsHowGreat>

Scripture

Psalm 105:1-11 (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.

He is the LORD our God;
 his judgments are in all the earth.
 He is mindful of his covenant forever,
 of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
 the covenant that he made with Abraham,
 his sworn promise to Isaac,
 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
 to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
 as your portion for an inheritance."

Matthew 13:31-35, 44-46 (NRSV)

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth to speak in parables;
 I will proclaim what has been hidden
 from the foundation of the world."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

<https://bit.ly/SeekYeFirstLyrics>

Sermon

"The Kingdom of Heaven is Like..."

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

"You Never Let Go"

<https://bit.ly/NeverLetGoLyrics>**Benediction**

Go forth with joy, celebrating all the many ways for us to serve our Lord. Give us courage, hope, peace and love that we might bear these gifts to others. Go in peace. 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)

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 964 6068 8631)

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Evening Vespers and Holy Communion

Monday, July 27th at 6:30pm

Zoom and Facebook Live

Join us on Monday, July 27th at 6:30pm 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 has returned home, where he is resting and gaining strength.
- Richard Smith continues to heal.
- For school districts, administrators, teachers, and families as they envision and prepare for the coming school year.
- For those who are working for change in our nation around issues of racial justice.
- For those who are experiencing loneliness and isolation.
- 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.

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