

# Moran United Methodist Church

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Worship Bulletin  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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.

We continue our series, "A New Thing" this Sunday as we hear Peter talk about God revealing a new thing to him, encouraging to re-think food purity laws and reach out to new people. The Holy Spirit tells Peter to reach out to the gentiles and to *make no distinction between them and us*. How do these words speak to us in our church and our world today?

## Call to Worship *(you are invited to read this responsively)*

Leader: Let praise to God resound in the heavens!  
**People: Let praise to God fill all of God's creation!**  
 Leader: Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!  
**People: Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!**  
 Leader: Open your hearts and spirits today.  
**People: Let us praise the Lord today and always. AMEN.<sup>1</sup>**

**Song** "Indescribable" <https://bit.ly/IndescribableLyrics>

## 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.**

**Hymn** "Christ For The World We Sing" <https://bit.ly/CFTWLyrics>

## Scripture

### ***Psalm 148 (NRSV)***

Praise the LORD!  
 Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
 praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!  
Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.  
He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.  
He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the LORD!

### ***Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV)***

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by

which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

**Hymn** "Speak, O Lord" <https://bit.ly/SpeakOLord>

**Sermon** "A New Thing: Make No Distinction" 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](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** "Go Forth For God" <https://bit.ly/GoForthLyric>

### **Benediction**

May the love of God which was lavished upon you by Jesus Christ be in your hearts, your minds, and your spirits as you go forth into God’s world. Be bearers of peace and hope to all you meet, and may God’s peace be with you always. **Amen.**<sup>2</sup>

### ***Virtual Coffee Hour***

Sundays at 11:30am on Zoom

*Immediately following the worship service*

After the worship service is over, you’re invited to join your church family for “Virtual Coffee Hour” on Zoom for a time of fellowship and open-ended conversation. This is a great opportunity to connect and check-in with one another without any specific agenda.

Join by Computer/Tablet/Smartphone: <https://greater-nw.zoom.us/j/96460688631>

Join by Phone (home phone, landline, or cell – no internet required)

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

+1 (346) 248-7799 (Meeting ID: 964 6068 8631)

***Prayer Requests***

- Richard Smith was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor on his vocal cords. He has had a tracheostomy and remains in the hospital. He will have surgery to remove his larynx around June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Jacque Davis' back procedure went well on Tuesday, and has alleviated a significant amount of her pain.
- 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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