

Moran United Methodist Church

June 21st, 2020 Worship Bulletin
3rd 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.

We continue our series, "A New Thing" this Sunday as we hear a few of the stories about the *saints around the edges*. The church has always been supported not only by those who are the apostles and leaders, but the women and men who serve the church and witness to Christ every single day. It's easy to get lost in the focus on the apostles in the book of Acts, but it's important that we take a look at all of those doing ministry on the edges, building and sustaining the community.

Opening Prayer *(you are invited to read this in unison)*¹

With joy we come this day into the presence of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. Amen.

Fathers' Day Litany²

- One: We pray for our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.
- All: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.**
- One: For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.
- All: Holy God, hear this prayer for fathers who mourn.**
- One: For men who may or may not have children of their own, but act as a father to someone in need of advice, support, nurture, and love.
- All: Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.**
- One: For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.
- All: Holy God, hear this prayer for step-fathers.**
- One: For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children, and have not sustained their families.
- All: Holy God, hear this prayer for absent fathers.**
- One: For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.
- All: Holy God, hear this prayer for fathers who struggle.**
- One: For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.
- All: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your church.**

One: For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith.

One: God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their children, honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song "Sanctuary" <https://bit.ly/SanctuaryLyrics>

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.

Hymn "Hymn of Promise" <https://bit.ly/HymnOfPromise>

Scripture

Acts 9:36-43 (NRSV)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Acts 18:1-4, 18-28 (NRSV)

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

After staying there for a considerable time, Paul said farewell to the believers and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had his hair cut, for he was under a

vow. When they reached Ephesus, he left them there, but first he himself went into the synagogue and had a discussion with the Jews. When they asked him to stay longer, he declined; but on taking leave of them, he said, "I will return to you, if God wills." Then he set sail from Ephesus.

When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up to Jerusalem and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. After spending some time there he departed and went from place to place through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Now there came to Ephesus a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria. He was an eloquent man, well-versed in the scriptures. He had been instructed in the Way of the Lord; and he spoke with burning enthusiasm and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the Way of God to him more accurately. And when he wished to cross over to Achaia, the believers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. On his arrival he greatly helped those who through grace had become believers, for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the scriptures that the Messiah is Jesus.

Hymn "Thy Word" <https://bit.ly/ThyWordLyrics>

Sermon "A New Thing: Saints Around the Edges" 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 "Oceans" <https://bit.ly/LyricsOcean>

Benediction

Go forth this day with the confidence and courage of knowing that God has called you forth to serve God in this very moment. May God be abundantly present with you, guiding you in every step along the way. Go forth in grace and peace to serve the Lord. **Amen.**

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://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)

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

Prayer Requests

- Lori Thompson has outpatient surgery to remove her kidney stones on June 20th.
- Richard Smith continues to heal and gain strength as he awaits surgery on June 29th to remove his larynx.
- Gail Allgood's niece's 8-month-old son, Jack, is at Children's Hospital in Seattle in need of a liver transplant. We pray for strength and peace for Jack and his family.
- 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.

June 28th Worship Service: Pastor Cody on Vacation

Pastor Cody will be on vacation from Tuesday, June 23rd – Monday, June 29th. On Sunday, June 28th our congregation will join the congregation of Audubon Park UMC for their virtual worship service, led by Rev. Geoff Helton, with a candidate for ministry named Catherine Lyle preaching, and Janice Wrhel joining with the Audubon Park UMC music team to provide music.

The worship service will be available on Sunday, May 28th at 10:30 a.m. in the following places:

- On their Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/audubonparkumc>)
- On their website (<http://audubonparkumc.org/worship/worship-online>)
- On YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbux_ymK07poYNFWFS0ikbw).

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² Adapted by Robb McCoy (<https://fatpastor.me/2009/06/21/litany-for-fathers/>) from the United Methodist Book of Worship, page 441-442.