

Moran United Methodist Church

March 28th, 2021 Worship Bulletin
Palm Sunday

Prelude

Joanne Brown, Accompanist

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.

Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Written by Jeanette Threlfall; © Public Domain

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and haven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord in heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

Opening Prayer

Betty Smith, Liturgist

With great joy we welcome you, Lord Jesus! The journey has been long and we have longed to enter the Holy City. You come into our hearts and our lives, humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear your words, as we sing praise to you. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name. Amen.¹

Song

"Prepare The Way"

Written by Charlie Hall and Louie Giglio; © Sixsteps Music

Prepare the way, prepare the way, prepare the way of the Lord (*repeat*)

Chorus:

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

You are the light of the world, You are the light of the world, You are the light of the world, Jesus (*repeat*)

You are the King of the earth, You are the King of the earth, You are the King of the earth, Jesus (*repeat*)

Chorus

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

"What A Beautiful Name"

Written by Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood; © Hillsong Music Publishing

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus:

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this,
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus you brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

Chorus

Bridge:

Death could not hold You; The veil tore before You;
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal,
Now and forever, God you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the name above all names

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against
The name of Jesus

Scripture

Psalm 118:19-29 (NRSV)

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,

and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,

up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

John 12:1-19 (NRSV)

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

Many Jews learned that he was there. They came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. The chief priests decided that they would kill Lazarus too. It was because of Lazarus that many of the Jews had deserted them and come to believe in Jesus.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted, "*Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the king of Israel!*"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

Don't be afraid, Daughter Zion. Look! Your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt.

His disciples didn't understand these things at first. After he was glorified, they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

The crowd who had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead were testifying about him. That's why the crowd came to meet him, because they had heard about this miraculous sign that he had done. Therefore, the Pharisees said to each other, "See! You've accomplished nothing! Look! The whole world is following him!"

*Response: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

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.

Hymn

"He Is Exalted"

Written by Twila Paris; © 1985 Mountain Spring Music

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.
 He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!
 He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign; heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
 He is exalted, the king is exalted on high.

Benediction

Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation, we come to Christ this holy week. Today is only a part of the story. Jesus' triumph leads to his death, and his death to his resurrection. May the journey of the week ahead lead you into the fullness of Christ's love.²

Postlude

Joanne Brown

¹ Opening Prayer by Nancy Townley, *Worship Connection: Palm Sunday*

² Benediction by Bryan Schneider-Thomas, *Worship Elements: Palm Sunday*

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Virtual Coffee Hour

Sundays at 11:30am on Zoom

Immediately following the worship service

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Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, April 1st at 6:30pm on Zoom

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before his death, and the way that he humbled himself before them to wash their feet. We will come together via Zoom for a Maundy Thursday Communion Service. As you tune in, you are invited to have bread/crackers and juice/water available if you would like to participate in Holy Communion.

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Good Friday Service

Friday, April 2nd at 6:30pm on Facebook and our Website

On Good Friday, we remember Jesus' persecution, crucifixion, and death. We will be joining a few other United Methodist congregations for a virtual worship service, hearing a series of monologue messages from the points of view of various people in the story of Jesus' passion. This service will take place on Facebook and our Website, like our Sunday services, on Friday, April 2nd at 6:30pm.

Easter Services

Easter Sunrise Service

April 4th at 7:00am

Outdoors at Moran UMC -- North Lawn near Gazebo

This service will be similar to our traditional Sunrise Service, though we will be following requirements for social distancing and all participants must wear masks. This service will NOT be live-streamed; it will be offered in person only.

Easter Resurrection Service

April 4th at 10:30am

Outdoors at Moran UMC & Virtual on Facebook / Website

Christ Is Risen! Celebrate the gift of resurrection with us either in person on the north lawn at the church, or virtually on our Facebook page or website.

Notes for Those Attending In Person:

Parking: *If you will remain in your car for the service, we will have some number of parking spaces reserved for "drive in" attendees in the eastern half of the parking lot, the majority of which will be "back in" spots. If you plan to sit outside, we encourage you to park in the western half of the parking lot or along Freya Street.*

Seating: *If you plan to sit outside of your car, we will have spots marked with a red/orange "X" on both the grass and the parking spots located closest to the grass. You are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair if possible, but we will have some plastic chairs available for those who need them.*

Palms and Bulletins: *We will have printed worship bulletins and palms available. Those who will remain in their vehicles will receive their palms from our Parking Lot Greeters as they arrive, and those who are sitting outdoors can receive them from our Lawn Greeters or at the table set up on the lawn.*

Health and Safety: *Face coverings and social distancing will be required for all who are outside of their vehicles. We have placed markings on the lawn and parking lot for chairs to be set up at 12' distances in order to accommodate households and families of all sizes. Anybody who has a fever or other symptoms of Covid-19, or who has been exposed to somebody who is sick, is asked to worship from home.*

Weather: *According to the current forecast, we can expect that the weather will be chilly (under 50 degrees) and windy. Be sure to dress warm and bring blankets.*

Holy Week Outdoor Cross

Be sure to drive by the church throughout Holy Week to see the outdoor cross as it is decorated to reflect the story of Jesus' journey to the cross, the tomb, and his glorious resurrection. On Easter, the cross will once again be flowering with beautiful daffodils as a reminder of the new life made possible through Jesus' resurrection.

Lenten Prayer Wall

This Lent, we invite you to come to God in prayer again and again, weaving your prayers in with those of our larger community.

Throughout the season of Lent, we invite you add your prayers to our outdoor Prayer Wall. The prayer wall is located next to our Sanctuary along S. Freya near 65th. You can write your prayers on strips of burlap (burlap and sharpies also provided) and weave them into the wall as you offer your prayer to God. In addition to adding your prayers, we invite you to hold all of these community prayer requests in your own prayers throughout this season.

Monday Vespers and Holy Communion

Monday Evenings at 6:30pm

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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.

NEW: Mission Thursdays

Every Fourth Thursday from 4:00-6:00pm at Moran UMC

If Monday mornings don't work for you to bring your donations by the church, we're happy to offer another opportunity! Bins for donations will be available along the curb at the front of the church building (or in the church doorway when there is inclement weather) with contact-free drop-off.

Anti-Racism Book Study and Discussion

Book: *How To Be An Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi

Monday Afternoons at 1pm (Zoom)

This Monday: Chapters 14 & 15

Join on Zoom by computer/tablet/smartphone: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/276855082>

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Wednesday Evening Lenten Study

The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life

Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm (Zoom)

Direct Link for Session 6 Video: <http://bit.ly/MUMCSession6>

All Session Videos: <http://bit.ly/MUMCTheWalk>

Join us this Wednesday for our final session of our Lenten Study from 6-7:15pm on Zoom. We will be working through a study series called *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Rev. Adam Hamilton. In *The Walk*, Hamilton focuses on five spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is a part of our daily walk with Christ and an essential part of growing together in the church.

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Covid-19 Vaccine -- Phase 1B, Tier 2

Washington State is now in Phase 1B, Tier 2 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. They have also expanded eligibility to many who work in healthcare, work/live in congregate settings, teachers, those who are pregnant, and those who have a disability that puts them at high risk.

Some of our church members have shared that they have had success scheduling vaccinations through the **MyChart/Patient Portal** for both **Providence** and **Multicare**. Appointments for vaccinations at the **Spokane Arena location** are now being managed by the Washington State Department of Health, and you can call the information hotline at 1-800-525-0127 and press #.

For those who are patients of Multicare, you can also call their automated vaccine information line at 833-770-0530 to be added to the vaccine waitlist and/or sign up for text updates.

If you are included in Phase 1B and need assistance with making an appointment for a vaccination, please contact the church office and we will try to help.

Prayer Requests

- For the communities of **Boulder, Colorado and Atlanta, Georgia** following mass shootings.
- For the **Asian and Asian American community** facing an increase in racism, discrimination, and racist violence.
- For **Jana Kifer**, who broke her arm this week.
- For **Sally and Hazel Hall**, friends of Joan King. Sally is recovering from a fall.
- For Penny Herold's granddaughters, **Piper** and **Gillian**, who are facing health problems.
- For the **Boston family** who are grieving the death of Tricia's mother, Marie Franzen, this past Monday morning.
- For **Sandra Prizeman** who is having surgery on March 31st to remove a small tumor near her brain stem. Her doctor is optimistic that it is benign, but it will need to be biopsied.
- For **Sue Robinson**, a retired UMC pastor, who is at home recovering from back surgery.
- For **Rovella Vawter**, who is on hospice care.
- For **Bonnie Presnell**, who is on hospice care.
- For **Shirley Malcolm** as her arm continues to heal.
- For **Ardis Storms**, who is recovering from kidney failure.
- For Lois Moller's cousin, **Randy**, who is recovering from heart surgery.
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For **Barbara Caviezel** as she continues to recover from kidney failure.
- 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 and back.
- For the **McCrea-Jones Family.**
- For all who are sick, recovering, and grieving deaths from **COVID-19**. For those experiencing **loneliness and isolation.**
- 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.