

Moran United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 29th, 2020 – Worship at Home and Online
Worship Bulletin

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 Order of Worship can be used to guide your worship this day, whether you gather individually or with a small group of family and friends. If you participate in our livestreamed worship service, this is the Order that we will follow, whether you watch live at 10:30am (www.facebook.com/moranchurch) or watch the recording at a later time (on Facebook or our website at www.moranumc.org/videos). If you don't have internet access, you are invited to pray these prayers, sing these songs, and read these scripture passages knowing that your church family is joining you from wherever they are, as well.

Song "He Is Exalted" <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/twilaparis/heisexalted.html>

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

God of love, it is in you that we find our life and our strength. Plant us in the fertile soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Jesus Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us as a stream of living water. Abide in us, that we might abide in you and be rooted in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Song "In Christ Alone" <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/nataliegrant/inchristalone.html>

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 PastorNatInad@gmail.com

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 "Beautiful Things" <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/gungor/beautifulthings.html>

Scripture

Psalm 80:7-19 (NRSV)

Restore us, O God of hosts;
 let your face shine, that we may be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
 you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it;
 it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade,

the mighty cedars with its branches;
 it sent out its branches to the sea,
 and its shoots to the River.
 Why then have you broken down its walls,
 so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
 The boar from the forest ravages it,
 and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts;
 look down from heaven, and see;
 have regard for this vine,
 the stock that your right hand planted.
 They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;
 may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
 the one whom you made strong for yourself.
 Then we will never turn back from you;
 give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
 let your face shine, that we may be saved.

John 15:1-15 (NRSV)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

Sermon

"I Am the True Vine"

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 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

"Our God Is Greater"

<https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/christomlin/ourgod.html>

Benediction

As we end this time of worship, we know God will be with us wherever we are. Whether we're anxious or afraid, happy or joyful, on our own, or with friends and family, we know God will be with us wherever we go. So we go with joy, because God goes with us! Amen.