

Moran United Methodist Church

March 7th, 2021 Worship Bulletin
Third Sunday in Lent

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.

Call to Worship¹

Rev. Vangie Rand, Centralia First UMC

Leader:	Again and again,	People:	We come to this space.
Leader:	Again and again,	People:	We gather as a community.
Leader:	Again and again,	People:	We move closer to God.
Leader:	Again and again,	People:	God is here.
Leader:	We are met.	People:	We are heard.
Leader:	We are shown the way.		
People:	So, again and again, let us worship Holy God. Amen.		

Song

"Way Maker"

<http://bit.ly/WayMakerLyrics>

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

"Thy Word"

<http://bit.ly/LyricsThyWord>

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NRSV)

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."*

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save

those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13-22 (NRSV)

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Hymn "Lead Me, Lord" <http://bit.ly/LeadMeLyrics>

Sermon *Again & Again, We Are Shown The Way* Rev. Nico Reijns, Girdwood Chapel UMC

Prayer of Confession²

One: God of Justice, we are guilty of building tables.

All: We have built tables that oppression dines on, Sexism thrives on, and racism lives on.

One: God of Justice, we are guilty of forgetting where we are,

All: Of turning faith into a negotiation tool And the church into a place for insiders.

One: God of Justice, we are guilty of ignoring the point;

All: For you taught that the temple is for worship and your message is for all.

One: God of our hearts,

All: Be in our decision making.

One: Draw near to our choices.

All: Forgive our mistakes.

One: And as you do,

All: Flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view that needs adjusting.

One: With hope we pray for a better day. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, hear the good news that God took on flesh and walked this earth to show us the way. God took on flesh so that we could see what it looks like to disrupt and overturn systems of corruption. God took on flesh to teach us another way. God took on flesh to point us to restoration. God took on flesh so that we might be forgiven. Friends, we are held, loved, and forgiven by a just and merciful God. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

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 "The Way"

<http://bit.ly/LyricsTheWay>

Benediction

Gail Allgood

God of open doors, open arms, and open conversations, we know deep in our souls that you are forever inviting us in. Again and again, you invite us to take another step closer, another step deeper, another step further in this journey of faith. So with your invitation in our hands, we pray for strength and wisdom. Show us the next right step in this journey. We are here, and you are here, as this holy Lenten journey continues once again. Gratefully we pray. Amen.³

Postlude

Joanne Brown

^{1, 2, 3} Prayers by Sara Are, A Sanctified Art LLC, www.sanctifiedart.org

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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>

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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.

We invite you to stop by the wall any time to read these prayers, add your own, and offer a spoken or silent prayer to God on the holy ground of Moran UMC.

Monday Vespers and Holy Communion

Monday Evenings at 6:30pm

Connect via Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/moranchurch

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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.

Anti-Racism Book Study and Discussion

Monday Afternoons at 1pm (Zoom)

This Monday: Chapters 8 & 9

Please join us on Monday afternoons as we read and discuss the book *How to Be An Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Dr. Kendi is a professor of history and the director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research. The book is available at the library, from Amazon, or from other booksellers. If you would like to participate but are unable to get a copy of the book, please let Pastor Cody know and he will make sure you can fully participate.

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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 3 Video: <http://bit.ly/MUMCSession3>

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

Please plan to watch the video clip (12:48 long) before our session on Wednesday evening. To access the video clip, use one of the links above. You may need to click "Continue to website," and then click "Session 3 Serve.mp4." If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Pastor Cody.

Join us on Wednesday evenings 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.

The accompanying book is optional, and Pastor Cody has a few copies available for \$10 each. They can also be found on Amazon or Cokesbury. *If the cost of purchasing the book is a burden for you, but you would like a copy, please contact Pastor Cody and he will ensure that you are able to get a copy.*

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Covid-19 Vaccine -- Phase 1B

Washington State is now in Phase 1B 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.

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 those in Texas and throughout the country who are **recovering from the recent storms and power outages**.
- For **Sue Robinson**, a retired UMC pastor, who is at home recovering from back surgery.
- For the **family of Anna Marie**, who passed away in February.
- For **Kim and Aaren Newman, Preston and Lilly, and the rest of Kim's family** as they grieve the death of her father in February.
- For the **family of Donna Hauser**, who passed away in February.
- For **Eve and the rest of the family of Bob Montgomery**, who passed away in February.
- For **Leslie**, a friend of Jennifer Kendall, and Leslie's family. Leslie's husband passed away suddenly last week.
- 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 **Harriet Van Wyck**, healing from vertigo.
- 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.
- 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.