

# Moran United Methodist Church

May 17, 2020 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 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 current worship series called "A New Thing," exploring the first steps taken by the apostles in the early church. What can we learn from these apostles as we live into a brand new thing today as the world and the church continue to take on a new shape?

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

Leader: Easter People, we have been invited to live in God's love!

**People: Let that love be poured out for all God's people!**

Leader: Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.

**People: We are called to be God's witnesses wherever we are.**

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice, the Holy Spirit is coming!

**People: Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us a ministry of peace. AMEN.<sup>1</sup>**

## Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

<https://bit.ly/LivingGodHymn>

## 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.**

## Song

"Refiner's Fire"

<https://bit.ly/RefinersFireLyrics>

## Scripture

***Psalm 66:1-12, 20 (NRSV)***

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

    sing the glory of his name;

    give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

    Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,  
sing praises to your name.”

Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.  
He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
There we rejoiced in him,  
who rules by his might forever,  
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.  
For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;  
you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

### ***Acts 3:1-16 (NRSV)***

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name

itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you."

**Hymn** "Let Us Plead for Faith Alone" <https://bit.ly/LetUsPlead>

**Sermon** "A New Thing: The Mission Begins" 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** "My Lighthouse" <https://bit.ly/MyLighthouseLyrics>

### **Benediction**

Having been called to be witnesses to Jesus Christ, let us go forth to live and proclaim the good news. May we take the authority God has given to us and use it to breathe life and proclaim healing into the broken places of our world. We step forward with confidence, knowing that God walks with us into this brand new moment. AMEN.

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