

Moran United Methodist Church

May 30th, 2021 – Trinity Sunday / Peace with Justice Sunday

Prelude

Joanne Brown, Accompanist

Welcome

Welcome to worship! Whether you are joining us in person at our outdoor worship service or virtually on our livestream, we are glad you have joined us to worship God today. This service will take place both live at Moran UMC and livestreaming online 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.

Opening Prayer

Crystal Natland, Liturgist

God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us! The mountains tremble and the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness. You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of hope and peace for all your earth. These things we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.¹

Song

"Great Are You Lord"

Verse: You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus: It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge: And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

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A Prayer for Memorial Day (All are invited to read aloud the unison words in **bold**)

One: Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you:

For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace, whom we name in our hearts and on our lips...

All: We lift up thankful hearts.

One: For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever, whom we name in our hearts and on our lips.

All: We lift up thankful hearts.

One: For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship you now in heaven, whom we name in our hearts and on our lips.

All: We lift up thankful hearts.

One: For those who sacrificed their lives, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others through their service in the military, as well as those who have lost their lives in service to their nation and communities as first responders, medical providers, and other essential workers, whom we name in our hearts and on our lips.

All: We lift up thankful hearts.

One: We hold these people in continual remembrance, giving thanks to you for welcoming them into your loving arms. May we commit ourselves to working for a world where all lives are honored, fear is dispelled, and the people are made one.

All: O Lord, we honor and remember those who have passed, and commit ourselves to working for a better world. Be with us this day and always, pouring your Spirit upon us. AMEN. ²

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

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great God of all glory, great God of all light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Scripture***Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11 (NRSV)***

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
 worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
 the God of glory thunders,
 the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;
 the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
 the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!
 May the LORD bless his people with peace!

John 1:1-17 (NRSV)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Song**"I Will Follow"**

Where You go, I'll go
 Where You stay, I'll stay
 When You move, I'll move
 I will follow

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure
 I will trust in You alone
 Higher than my sight, high above the light
 I will trust in You alone, in You alone

Chorus: Where You go, I'll go
 Where You stay, I'll stay
 When You move, I'll move
 I will follow You
 Whom You love, I'll love
 How You serve, I'll serve
 If this life I lose I will follow you

Light into the world, light into my life
 I will live for You alone,
 You're the One I seek knowing I will find
 All I need is You alone, in You alone

Bridge: In You there's life everlasting
 In You there's freedom for my soul
 In You there's joy unending joy
 And I will follow

Chorus

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Sermon

Born Anew

Rev. Cody Natland

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

"To God Be The Glory"

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
 So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
 And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Chorus: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
 O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
 And give him the glory great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
 To every believer the promise of God;
 The vilest offender who truly believes,
 That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Chorus

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
 And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
 But purer and higher and greater will be
 Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see

Chorus

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Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**³

Postlude

Joanne Brown

¹ *Opening Prayer modified from Mary J. Scifres in The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018 (Nashville: Abingdon, 2017), 120.*

² *Prayer for Memorial Day modified from the United Methodist Book of Worship (Nashville: United Methodist Publishing House, 1992), 440-441.*

³ *From the Morning Prayer liturgy, Northumbria Community's Daily Prayer, published by Collins.*

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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>

Join by Phone (home phone, landline, or cell – no internet required)

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 964 6068 8631)

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Special Offering: Peace with Justice Sunday

One of our denomination's six Special Sundays, Peace with Justice Sunday is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. The offering is administered by the General Board of Church and Society and benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conferences and around the world. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and half support the work of Church and Society globally.

If you would like make a special gift for this offering, we invite you to write "Peace with Justice Sunday" on your check's memo line, on the outside of your offering envelope, or in your notes with your online donation. You can also give directly at www.umc.org/SSGive.

Weekly Outdoor Worship Services

Sundays at 10:30am on the lawn at Moran UMC & Virtual via Live-Stream (Facebook & Website)

Join Sunday mornings at 10:30am as we gather outdoor worship services on the lawn (with space available for chairs on the flat parking lot, as well) at Moran UMC near the gazebo. Mask wearing and social distancing are required for all attendees, regardless of vaccination status.

Our services also continue to be live-streamed on Facebook and our website at 10:30am, and you can access those virtual services in the same way that you have throughout the past year.

Grieving the Loss of a Loved One

Last Sunday night, our beloved sister in Christ, **Mary Alice Huneywell**, passed away at the age of 99. We pray for God's comfort and peace for Mary Alice's children, **Sandy, Doug, and Dan**, and her **grandchildren**. Though Mary Alice hadn't been able to attend church in recent years, she loved Moran UMC and was always encouraged by the prayers of her church family.

Church Office Closed Monday, May 31st

No Monday Programming This Week

The Moran UMC Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. All other regular Monday programming will be canceled for the day, as well, including Morning Prayers, Anti-Racism Study, and Vespers & Communion.

Weeding Extravaganza #2!

Saturday, June 5th beginning at 9:00am

We made great progress at our first "Weeding Extravaganza" event back in May, but there is still considerable work to be done to remove weeds around the outside of the Sanctuary and throughout the church property. The weeds need to be removed so that our grounds look beautiful to our neighborhood and so we can prepare for new planting that will come later. God has blessed us with this beautiful piece of land, and it is our responsibility to be stewards of it.

Please bring shovels and gloves if you have them, along with a face mask, and be ready for a day of fellowship and gardening as we do this important work together. If you're unable to arrive right at 9am or if you need to leave early, please come as you are able.

Weekday Morning Prayer Group

Weekdays at 9am

We meet on Monday through Friday mornings for prayer, scripture, and a short meditation.

Join Morning Prayer by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/349727648>

Join by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 349 727 648)

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Monday Vespers and Holy Communion

Mondays at 6:30pm

Join us for a short evening vespers service of scripture, prayer, and sharing Holy Communion. You can connect with the vespers service either through Zoom (which allows you to participate via home phone if you are not internet connected or have a weak connection) or on Facebook. You are encouraged to bring communion elements with you as you connect in to the service.

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

Connect via Zoom (computer/tablet/smartphone: <https://greater-nw.zoom.us/j/97155799598>)

Connect via Phone (home phone, landline, cell phone):

+1 253 215 8782 (Meeting ID: 971 5579 9598)

+1 346 248 7799 (Meeting ID: 971 5579 9598)

Pub Theology

Tuesdays from 6-8pm on Zoom

Honest conversations about things that matter. All viewpoints are welcome and encouraged as we talk about a wide variety of topics, both serious and lighthearted.

Join by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greater-nw.zoom.us/j/794159957>

Join by Telephone:

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 794 159 957)

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study: The Prophet Micah

Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm

Join us this Wednesday evening as we begin our study of the prophetic Book of Micah.

Join Bible Study by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greater-nw.zoom.us/j/276855082>

Join by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 276 855 082)

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Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- For the people of San Jose and other **communities grieving from mass shootings**.
- For the family of **Mary Alice Huneywell**, who passed away on Sunday, May 23rd.
- For **Izaak Westrand**, who fell and damaged his teeth this week.
- For **Jane Bates** as she heals from oral surgery.
- For the family of **Shane**, Jeanette Johnson's nephew, who passed away on Wednesday after suffering from a stroke.
- For **Flo Harper**, who is in the hospital after experiencing weakness and confusion on Wednesday. She is doing better, but still waiting to find out what is wrong.
- For **Gary Whrel**, Janice's father-in-law, who is recovering from surgery after a fall.

- For **Kathleen**, Susie Karnesky's sister, who is waiting for surgery to replace two broken vertebrae.
- For **Karen**, a friend of Theresa Kamitomo, for a quick and full recovery from surgery this week.
- For the **Kamitomos** as they have the joy of a new filly born last week, and she is healthy and happy. The filly's mom is Theresa's "heart horse" that was diagnosed with bladder cancer last year, and is healed and happy with no sign of cancer.
- For **Erin**, a friend of Sally Rainey's friend Kerri, who is in the ICU.
- For **Shirley and Roger**, step-mother and father of Sally Rainey's friend **Kerri**. Shirley's health is in rapid decline.
- For **Vanessa**, Jacque Davis' grandson's wife, who is continuing to heal and adjust to life in a wheelchair. We also pray for her husband **Tony** and son **Jack** as they all adjust to these new limitations and realities.
- For the **McCrea-Jones Family**.
- For **Richard Smith**, as he makes plans to try again to make the move to England.
- For **Christy Tweedy**, recovering from a stroke.
- For **Penny Herold**, recovering from a fall.
- For Penny Herold's sister-in-law, **Kay Chinen**, who is managing several health issues and trying to be well enough to continue infusions for rheumatoid arthritis.
- For Ed Malcolm's sister, **Rae Vail**, who is hospitalized and has been diagnosed with cancer.
- For Ed Malcolm's brother-in-law, **Claude**, who fell down a flight of stairs and broke multiple bones. We also pray for his wife, **Fay**, as she cares for him.
- For **Sandra Prizeman**, continuing to recover from brain surgery.
- For **Joni Swartout**, recovering from recent illness.
- For **Tom**, Harriet Van Wyck's cousin-in-law, who recently lost his wife.
- For **Bill**, Harriet Van Wyck's childhood friend's brother, with terminal cancer.
- For **Jana Kifer**, healing from a broken shoulder.
- For **those impacted by racism, discrimination, and racist violence**, and we pray for **change in our nation**.
- For **Shirley Malcolm** as her arm continues to heal.
- For **Ardis Storms**, recovering from kidney failure.
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For **Avery**, Joan King's friend, who is 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 all who are sick, recovering, and grieving deaths from **COVID-19**. For those experiencing **loneliness and isolation**.
- For our **church leaders** as they continue to support a gradual and safe reopening process for our church and those around our Annual Conference. For our local church leaders and our Bishop, Rev. Elaine Stanovsky.