

Moran United Methodist Church

May 31, 2020 Worship Bulletin
Pentecost Sunday

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) and on the front page of our website (www.moranumc.org). The recording will be available immediately following the livestream.

Today is the day of Pentecost, when we celebrate the day that the apostles experienced the power of the Holy Spirit fifty days after Easter. As we continue our current series, "A New Thing," we remember Pentecost as the day where everything changed in the lives of the apostles and the church was given its official beginning. On Pentecost, we also anticipate and expect the Holy Spirit's arrival in our own hearts, lives, and homes. Come, Holy Spirit!

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

Leader: Listen, can you hear the wind?

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Look, can you see the dancing flames?

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Can you hear the message in a language you can understand?

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Do you see the visions? Can you dream the dreams?

People: Come, Holy Spirit! Arrive in our midst this morning, wherever we may be. Blow into our lives, into our homes, and into our world. Burst forth into our worship, and transform us into Pentecost people. AMEN.¹

Song

"Holy Spirit"

<https://bit.ly/HolySpiritLyrics>

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.

Sign Solo

"We Are The Church"

<https://bit.ly/WeAreTheChurchLyrics>

Gail Allgood, Soloist; Janice Wrhel, Guitar & Vocals

Scripture

Psalm 104:24-35 (NRSV)

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
 In wisdom you have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures.
 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
 creeping things innumerable are there,
 living things both small and great.
 There go the ships,
 and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you
 to give them their food in due season;
 when you give to them, they gather it up;
 when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
 when you take away their breath, they die
 and return to their dust.
 When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
 and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
 may the LORD rejoice in his works—
 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
 who touches the mountains and they smoke.
 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
 I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
 May my meditation be pleasing to him,
 for I rejoice in the LORD.
 Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
 and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.
 Praise the LORD!

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we

hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" <https://bit.ly/HolyHolyHolyLyrics>

Sermon "A New Thing: Come, Holy Spirit!" 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, or you can mail your donation to the church at 3601 E 65th Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.

Song "Soul On Fire" <https://bit.ly/SoulOnFireLyrics>

Benediction

Leader: Go forth now as Pentecost people, filled with the Spirit, dreaming dreams, and seeing visions of God's possibilities.

People: **We go forth, knowing we are beloved and blessed by a God who never leaves us alone.**

Leader: Go to be surprised by the Spirit in all that you do and everywhere that you go.

People: **We go, claiming our identity as Pentecost people — people of wind and fire, dreams and visions, people filled with that most amazing and transforming Spirit. Amen.²**

Virtual Coffee Hour

Sundays at 11:30am on Zoom

Immediately following the worship service

After the worship service is over, you're invited to join your church family for "Virtual Coffee Hour" on Zoom for a time of fellowship and open-ended conversation. This is a great opportunity to connect and check-in with one another without any specific agenda.

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)

+1 (346) 248-7799 (Meeting ID: 964 6068 8631)

Prayer Requests

- **Lori Thompson** had emergency surgery to address severe kidney stones on Wednesday. The surgery went well, and there will be another follow-up procedure in 1-2 weeks. We pray for Lori's strength, recovery, and comfort. They will have help from movers as they move into their new apartment
- **Richard Smith** is continuing to have trouble breathing and sleeping due to congestion in his sinuses, though his lungs are clear.
- Nina Young's grandson, **Nicky Joe**, has been moved out of the ICU and is being weaned off of the ventilator. He still has a long recovery ahead, but he is making good progress.
- For Charlie and Lorie Dennis, and for Charlie's brother Archie as they grieve the death of Charlie and Archie's mother, **Dorothy Dennis**.
- **Jacque Davis** has a procedure scheduled to address pain in her back. This procedure was initially scheduled pre-covid, but it had to be rescheduled, and Jacque is very hopeful that it will alleviate the significant pain she is experiencing.
- For those in our church family and community who are feeling **lonely and isolated**.
- For those who are facing **layoffs and financial insecurity**.
- For **local, state, and national leaders** as they navigate the complicated process of reopening, with so many lingering unknowns about COVID-19.

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