

# Moran United Methodist Church

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Worship Bulletin  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

## 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](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.

## Opening Prayer

Carol Bethel, Liturgist

God of songs and marvels, old and new, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. In these last days of Easter, we gather to recall the love that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as savior, friend and brother. We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work to draw all people into the spacious home of your love. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

## Hymn

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth shall ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death no more can stop us from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

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## Litany For Mothers

One: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**All: Thank God for mothers!**

One: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

**All: Thank God for our mothers, who gave us life.**

One: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

One: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of today.**

One: For all the women who are expecting, but are yet to give birth.

**All: Thank God for first-time mothers.**

One: For the women who have taken in and loved children born by others through adoption and foster care.

**All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

One: For those women who have lost a child and must carry on.

**All: Thank God for the mothers who show such strength.**

One: For all the women who have wanted to have children of their own but have faced infertility and other challenges.

**All: Thank God for the mothering heart within them.**

One: For women who never had children of their own, but who still offer so much love and nurture to the community.

**All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

**All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.**

### 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 "How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice; and trembles at His voice

*Chorus:* How great is our God  
Sing with me, how great is our God  
And all will see how great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead three in one; Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

*Chorus*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God

*Chorus*

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## Scripture

### **Acts 10:44-48 (NRSV)**

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### **John 15:9-17 (NRSV)**

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. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

## Hymn

### "What Wondrous Love Is This"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
 What wondrous love is this that cause the Lord of life  
 To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
 To lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
 To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
 To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
 While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;  
 While millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
 And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
 And through eternity I'll sing on.

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**Sermon***Invited Into Friendship*

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](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****"Great Are You Lord"**

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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**Benediction**

Friends and Beloved of Christ, you have been chosen to go into this world with the message of God's love. Bear fruit of hope and joy, peace and justice, with all that you meet. May God's peace be with you all. AMEN.<sup>2</sup>

**Postlude**

Joanne Brown

<sup>1</sup> *Call to Worship by Rebecca Gaudino, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5925/worship-elements-may-9-2021>*

<sup>2</sup> *Benediction by Nancy Townley, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2749/worship-connection-may-9-c>*

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**Spring Weeding Extravaganza**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm

We need the help of our entire Moran family to remove weeds around the outside of the Sanctuary. The weeds have gotten out of hand after last year's restoration work on the brick and foundation, and need to be dug out 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, gloves, and facemasks 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.

## Virtual Coffee Hour

Sundays at 11:30am on Zoom

*Immediately following the worship service*

Join by Computer/Tablet/Smartphone: <https://greater-nw.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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## Weekly Outdoor Worship Services

Sundays at 10:30am on the lawn at Moran UMC

Join us every Sunday morning at 10:30am as we gather outdoor worship services on the lawn at Moran UMC near the gazebo. Mask wearing and social distancing will be required for all attendees, regardless of vaccination status.

We recognize that the uneven surface of the lawn is not safe or comfortable for some of our members and guests, so we will have multiple ways to gather in person for this service to make it as accessible as possible. These options include bringing your own lawn chair to set up on the lawn, bringing a lawn chair or using a church chair and setting up on a designated area of the parking lot, or remaining in your vehicle in designated parking spots that will have a view of those speaking during the service.

Our services will 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.

**Parking:** *If you will remain in your car for the service, we will have some number of parking spaces reserved for "drive in" attendees in the eastern half of the parking lot, the majority of which will be "back in" spots. If you plan to sit outside, we encourage you to park in the western half of the parking lot or along Freya Street.*

**Seating:** *If you plan to sit outside of your car, we will have spots marked with a red/orange "X" both on the lawn and in the parking spots located closest to the lawn for those who are uncomfortable navigating the uneven lawn. You are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair if possible, but we will have some plastic chairs available for those who need them.*

**Worship Bulletins:** *We will have printed worship bulletins available. Those who will remain in their vehicles will receive their bulletin from our Parking Lot Greeters as they arrive, and those who are sitting outdoors can pick one up from our Lawn Greeters or at the table set up on the lawn.*

**Health and Safety:** *Face coverings and social distancing will be required for all who are outside of their vehicles. We have placed markings on the lawn and parking lot for chairs to be set up at 12' distances in order to accommodate households and families of all sizes. Please observe social distancing of 6+ feet from members of other households at all times, even if you have received our vaccinations. Anybody who has a fever or other symptoms of Covid-19, or who has been exposed to somebody who is sick, is asked to worship from home.*

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## Reimagining/Reopening Update

The Reimagining Team is excited to share some changes to our guidelines for reopening at Moran UMC, bringing new opportunities for our church family to gather for worship and fellowship. At the

same time, we continue to be vigilant regarding the spread of new variants of the virus, and about our local covid-19 case rates here in Spokane County, which remain high.

**Outdoor Worship:** Beginning on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> (Mothers' Day) we will be offering weekly outdoor worship services on Sundays mornings at 10:30am on the north lawn of Moran UMC, near the gazebo. We will also continue to live-stream these services on Facebook and our church website.

**Prayer and Meditation:** We have both outdoor and indoor space available for individual or family use for prayer and meditation throughout the week. Outdoors, our beautiful **Memorial Garden**, located just east of the accessible parking spaces and west of the gazebo, is available at any time. Indoors, the **Sanctuary** is open during staffed office hours (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00am – 3:00pm).

**Outdoor Gatherings:** Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, small groups of up to 10 people may meet outdoors at Moran UMC for worship, discipleship, and fellowship. Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing of 6+ feet must be observed. Each small group needs to have a coordinator/contact person who will work with Pastor Cody for scheduling and to ensure that procedures are followed. Leaders of ongoing small groups are encouraged to discern with their group members if a return to in-person gatherings is right for their group. We also hope that new small groups will be formed as we begin our return to in-person ministries; please contact Pastor Cody if you have an idea for a new group you would like to see, or if you would like to connect with a small group.

**Indoor Gatherings:** Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Fellowship Hall will be open on a limited basis for essential Ministry Team and Committee meetings with up to 10 people, with Zoom or outdoor meetings continuing to be preferred. This includes only the decision-making teams connected to the Church Council. Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing of 6+ feet must be observed. Chairpersons and Team Leaders who would like to hold an in-person meeting need to contact Pastor Cody for scheduling and to ensure that procedures are followed.

### **Mission Monday Drive-Through**

*Mondays from 10:00am - Noon at Moran UMC*

We invite you to drop off any donations you have for **Shalom Ministries** and **Second Harvest Food Bank** on Monday you 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 (or in the church doorway when there is inclement weather) with contact-free drop-off.

### **Mission Thursday Drive-Through**

*Every Fourth Thursday from 4:00-6:00pm at Moran UMC*

### **Weekday Morning Prayer Group**

Weekdays at 9am

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

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

Join by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

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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](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch)

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

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

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## Wednesday Evening Bible Study: The Book of Ruth

Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm

We gather each Wednesday evening to read through and discuss the Book of Ruth. All are welcome to join us at any time!

Join by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/276855082>

Join by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

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## Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- For the family of **Rovella Vawter**, who passed away on Friday, April 30th.
- 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 **Christy Tweedy** who is recovering from a stroke on April 27th. Christy has left the hospital and is now doing rehabilitation at St Luke's.
- For **Sandra Prizeman** who is home recovering from surgery and doing well.
- For **Richard Smith** as he prepares to move to England on May 10th.
- For the congregation of **Ephrata United Methodist Church**, which was significantly damaged in a fire in April.
- For **Joni Swartout** who is recovering from recent illness.
- For Harriet Van Wyck's cousin-in-law, **Tom**, who recently lost his wife.
- For Harriet Van Wyck's childhood friend's brother, **Bill**, with terminal cancer.
- For the family of **Bonnie Presnell** who passed away on April 18th.
- For **Gwen Tichenor**, who is recovering from an infection.
- For Jacque Davis' grandson's wife, **Vanessa**, who is recovering from serious back injuries after a rock climbing accident. We also pray for her husband **Tony** and son **Jack**.
- For **Mary Alice Huneywell**, who is healing from a broken shoulder.
- For **Jana Kifer**, who is healing from a broken shoulder.
- For the **communities grieving from mass shootings**.

- For **all who are impacted by racism, discrimination, and racist violence**, and for **change in our nation**.
- For **Penny Herold's granddaughters** who are facing health problems.
- For **Shirley Malcolm** as her arm continues to heal.
- For **Ardis Storms**, who is recovering from kidney failure.
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- 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 and back.
- 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.