

Moran United Methodist Church

November 15th, 2020 Worship Bulletin

24TH Sunday After Pentecost

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 Worship *(you are invited to read this responsively)*¹

Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.

People: **We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church in their many forms, and we make our pledges for the coming year.**

Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.

People: **We are celebrating the love and support we give to one another; the constant journey we are on to be united by God's grace.**

Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.

People: **We are celebrating a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of worship, a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future full of hope.**

Leader: We today to celebrate 140 years, and to expect the hundreds more.

People: **We come to celebrate the visions and commitments of those who have come before us, those who have brought us to where are today, and those that will carry us into the future.**

Leader: Let us gather in celebration!

People: **Let us worship God! AMEN.**

Hymn

"Forward Through The Ages"

<https://bit.ly/ForwardLyrics>

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.

Song

"How Great Is Our God"

<https://bit.ly/HGLyrics>

Scripture

Psalm 98:1-6

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Isaiah 43:1-2, 14-21 (NRSV)

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

Thus says the LORD,
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

For your sake I will send to Babylon
and break down all the bars,
and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.

I am the LORD, your Holy One,
the Creator of Israel, your King.

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,

rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Hymn "This Is A Day Of New Beginnings" <https://bit.ly/NewBeginningsLyrics>

Sermon "140 Years and Beyond: Looking Forward"
The sermon will be delivered during the livestream and on the video recording (Facebook and website); copies of the manuscript are available upon request and are included with the copy of the weekly bulletin mailed to those without access to our livestreamed services.

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 "This Is Amazing Grace" <https://bit.ly/LyricsThisIsAmazing>

Benediction

Beloved, God is doing a new thing! As we go forth this day, we bring the knowledge and wisdom gained from the past as we commit to working together as we step boldly into the future. May the Holy Spirit guide us on the journey ahead. **AMEN.**

¹*Call to Worship modified from Sarah E. Weaver. <http://www.preachinginpumps.com/liturgy/stewardship-sunday-call-to-worship-2/>*

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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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Stewardship "Gathering In Sunday" and Advent Devotion Pick-Up

Drive-Through – Sunday, November 15th from 3-4pm at Moran UMC

Every year on the final Sunday of our Stewardship Campaign, we celebrate "Gathering In Sunday" where we bring forward our financial pledge cards and ask God's blessing upon our commitments to support Moran UMC through our financial pledge, along with our prayers, presence, service, and witness.

This year's "Gathering In Sunday" will look a little bit different. We will have a "drive through" at the Church in the afternoon on November 15th, where we invite you to bring your pledge card to the church, along with any food items to be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank, and receive a blessing. We also plan to have the Family Advent Devotion books that many of our members have contributed to available for pick-up at that time.

If you are not able to come to the drive-through event, you can mail your pledge card to the church at 3601 E 65th Avenue // Spokane, WA 99223 or drop it off in person on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 10am and 3pm. Additional copies of the Advent Devotion Book and Church Ministry & Leadership Directory will be available in the church office.

Anti-Racism Book Study and Discussion

Mondays November 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 1pm via Zoom

Through the month of November, you are invited on a journey of learning more about the history and impact of racism in America, and exploring how we can commit to working for racial justice, as we read the book, *Between The World And Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

Copies of the book can be purchased on Amazon for about \$13 new, or less for used copies. You can order a copy at <https://amzn.to/3kTUKfb>, or let Pastor Cody know and he would be happy to order a copy for you.

It's not too late to join in!

Join on Zoom by computer/tablet/smartphone:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/276855082>

Join by Phone (home phone, landline, cell)

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Monday Vespers and Holy Communion

Monday Evenings at 6:30pm

Note: We are back on our weekly schedule this month – join us every Monday at 6:30pm

On Monday evenings at 6:30pm, you are invited to 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 Live through our Facebook page. You are encouraged to bring communion elements with you as you connect in to the service. The traditional elements are bread and grape juice, but other bread products (crackers, etc.) or juice/water will be fine.

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

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<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/97155799598>

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Mission Monday Drive-Through

Mondays from 10-11am at Moran UMC

Shalom Ministries & Second Harvest

We invite you to drop off any donations you have for Shalom Ministries, Second Harvest, or School Supplies for Mullan Road Elementary School on Monday mornings from 10-11am at Moran UMC. Bins for donations to each of these organizations will be available along the curb at the front of the church building.

Shalom Ministries is in need of the following items:

Sleeping Bags	Blankets	Socks
Sugar Packets	Creamer Packets	Brown Sugar
Oatmeal	Bottled Water	
Whole Frozen Turkeys (for the annual Thanksgiving meal)		

Prayer Requests

- For all who **serve in our military**, for our **veterans**, and their **families**.
- For **Constance**, a friend of Sandy Westrand, who fell and broke her ankle on Friday morning.
- For **Theresa**, Ardis Storms' sister-in-law, who is being released on the 16th from care in Seattle for leukemia treatment. We give thanks that she has made great progress and is doing well.
- For **Jeannie McDermott**, who shares that she is making progress in her recovery.
- For the **McCrea-Jones Family**.
- For continued healing and strength for **Kim Newman, Jeff Johnson, Richard Smith**, and **Pastor Barbara Caviezel**.
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For our **local, state, and national leaders**. We pray for those newly elected as they prepare to step into leadership, and those continuing in their positions.
- For those **recovering from recent natural disasters and ongoing wildfires**. For both first responders who are providing for emergency needs, as well as for long term recovery efforts.
- For all around the country and world who are sick, recovering, and grieving deaths from **COVID-19**. For those who are experiencing **loneliness and isolation** with the long term impact of the pandemic.
- For **residents and health professionals in Spokane County as our COVID-19 numbers continue to be elevated**. For the challenges that our **Spokane Regional Health District** are facing, and for their ability to help keep our community healthy.
- For those who are working for change in our nation around issues of **racial justice**.
- For those who are experiencing **loneliness and isolation**.
- 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.