

# Moran United Methodist Church

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Worship Bulletin

Thanksgiving 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 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](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.

## Call to Worship *(you are invited to read this responsively)*<sup>1</sup>

Leader: God has brought us good things,

**People: gifts of life and abundance.**

Leader: God calls us to remember,

**People: to give thanks and loving praise.**

Leader: We remember the God who made us,

**People: who grants us all we need.**

Leader: We worship the God who loves us,

**People: who calls us and welcomes us to this time of worship.**

## Song

"The Heart of Worship"

<https://bit.ly/LyricsHeartOfWorship>

## 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.**who

## Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

<https://bit.ly/ThankfulPeople>

## Scripture

### ***Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (NRSV)***

The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and

your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

### **Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**Song** "Give Thanks" <https://bit.ly/GiveThanksLyrics>

**Sermon** "Returning Thanks"

*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](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.

### **Blessing of Stewardship Pledges**

**Song** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" <https://bit.ly/DoxologyLyrics>

### **Benediction**

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the broad expanse of God's love and the abundance of His riches in glory, shape your perspective on your own life and needs, including those things which disappoint you.

May the eyes of your heart be open to all the blessings which surround you; may this awareness produce a harvest of generosity in your spirit.

May thankfulness rise up within you, not just during this short season, but day after day, from the early morning watch until you retire for the night.

May your prayers reflect gratitude, while also acknowledging the needs of others whose situations are so drastically different.

May thoughts of Jesus fill your mind, and hunger for God drive your soul, and love for Lord guide your speech and your actions.

And finally, may the grace, peace, and love of the triune God, protect, defend, and empower you to run with perseverance the race marked out for you. **AMEN.**<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*Call to Worship* written by Mary Scifres, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2005.

<sup>2</sup>*Benediction* written by Rev. Joe Sherer. <http://adailyprayer.wordpress.com/2007/11/16/strangers-in-this-world/>

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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>

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**Donations of Wrapped CHRISTMAS CANDY** for our traditional treat bags can be dropped off on Mondays at the church from 10:00 – 11:00 on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>. A family treat bag will be distributed at the Christmas Eve Drive-In Worship Service.

### **Advent Study -- *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas***

Wednesday Evenings from 6-7:15pm through December 16<sup>th</sup> (Zoom)

This Advent season, we come together to remember what is most important in our lives and our world. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, we reclaim the blessing of the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we need to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today!

Please join us on Wednesday evenings throughout the Advent season, beginning on November 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:15pm on Zoom. We will be working through a study series by Rev. Adam Hamilton titled *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*. The study explores the meaning behind the many names and titles of Jesus Christ and the difference He makes in our lives, not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

The video segments will be available for you to watch online each week in preparation for our study sessions, which will take place on Zoom. The accompanying book is optional, and can be found on Amazon or Cokesbury (or contact Pastor Cody if you would like him to order a copy for you).

To watch the video in preparation for each week's session, click here to create a free account on Amplify Media (part of Cokesbury): <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify>. Click the circle icon in the upper right hand corner and click "**Enter Access Code.**" Our Moran UMC Access Code is: **BRTYDN**. Follow the instructions to "**Start a Free Membership.**" Once you have created your

membership account, you can either find the "Incarnation" study by scrolling down the home page and looking under "Advent," or typing "Incarnation" in the search bar.

Pastor Cody created a video to show you how to create your Amplify Media account, which can be found at the following website (type this into your browser's search bar): <https://bit.ly/MUMCAdvent>

If all of this sounds too confusing, don't worry -- feel free to give Pastor Cody a call and he is happy to help.

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### **Anti-Racism Book Study and Discussion**

Mondays November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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!**

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### **Ugly Sweater Zoom Party -- Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

Your Penny Auction Co-Chairs thought it would be fun to get together on Zoom and begin the holidays with a casual chat wearing our festive sweaters. Grab a cup of hot chocolate and join us! A surprise might be revealed! Ho Ho Ho... Sue & Jeanie

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### **Monday Vespers and Holy Communion**

Monday Evenings at 6:30pm

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>)

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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.

### **Prayer Requests**

- For **Ed Malcolm** who was in the hospital this week for pain in his esophagus. He is now home and resting and is doing well.
- For **Jeannie McDermott**, who learned about complications with her cornea and will have a more extensive treatment and recovery than anticipated.
- For the **Berry family (Joe, Lynn, and Ezekiel)** as they are on the road moving to Arkansas.
- For **Constance**, a friend of Sandy Westrand, who fell and broke her ankle last week.
- For **Evangeline Johnson**, daughter of Eunice Johnson.
- 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.