

# Moran United Methodist Church

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Worship Bulletin

15<sup>th</sup> 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](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: We come to God with songs of hope and peace.

**People: God's love and power have lifted us.**

Leader: We come to God with songs of mercy and grace.

**People: God's mercy and forgiveness frame our lives.**

Leader: Thanks be to God for all of God's love and mercy.

**People: Praise be to God for the healing power that God extends to each of us. AMEN.**

**Song** "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" <http://bit.ly/Lyrics10000Reasons>

## 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.**

**Hymn** "Amazing Grace" <http://bit.ly/LyricsAmazingGrace>

## Scripture

### ***Psalm 103:1-13 (NRSV)***

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works vindication  
 and justice for all who are oppressed.  
 He made known his ways to Moses,  
 his acts to the people of Israel.  
 The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
 He will not always accuse,  
 nor will he keep his anger forever.  
 He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
 as far as the east is from the west,  
 so far he removes our transgressions from us.  
 As a father has compassion for his children,  
 so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

### ***Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)***

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

### **Hymn**

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

<http://bit.ly/ForgiveOurSinsLyrics>

### **Introducing our Guest Preacher**

While Pastor Cody is on paternity leave, we will have guest preachers from throughout our Pacific Northwest Annual Conference providing the sermon each week. This Sunday, we hear from Rev. Heather Sparkman, who serves as the Pastor of Steamboat Island Church, a United Methodist new church plant outside of Olympia. She is also a part of the South Sound United Methodist Cooperative, which is a group of United Methodist pastors and congregations in the South Puget Sound region that are intentionally partnering together for sharing programs and resources.

**Sermon** "To Forgive Or Not" Rev. Heather Sparkman  
*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](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** "Your Grace Is Enough" <http://bit.ly/YourGraceLyrics>

### **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.**<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Call to Worship modified from Nancy Townley. Accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1590/worship-connection-september-13-2020>.*

<sup>2</sup> *Taken from Morning Prayer from Northumbria Community's Celtic 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)

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

### **Pastor Cody's Paternity Leave**

Pastor Cody begins his 4-week paternity leave for the adoption of his this Sunday, September 13th. You will be receiving in the mail this week a copy of a letter from Pastor Cody with the plan for this time of leave, including how to contact Rev. Barbara Caviezel and Rev. Betty Smith in case you have an urgent need for pastoral care. The letter will also outline the plan for our worship services and continuity in other areas of ministry throughout the coming weeks.

If you do not receive a copy of this letter, please contact Jacque Davis at [Moranumc3601@live.com](mailto:Moranumc3601@live.com) or by phone at (509) 448-7102.

## Reimagining Team Update

Our Reimagining Team is continuing to meet regularly to monitor public health realities and guidelines from Local, State, and Conference leaders. We currently remain in Stage 2 of our Moran UMC Reopening Plan, and the Governor has continued to keep gathering sizes limited to 5 individuals from different households. You can find a PDF copy of our current Stage 2 Plan on our website at [www.moranumc.org/covid](http://www.moranumc.org/covid). If you would like a printed copy, please contact Jacque Davis in the Church Office.

## Mission Monday Drive-Through

*Mondays from 10-11am at Moran UMC*

*School Supplies, Shalom, & Second Harvest*

*Next Drive-Through Drop-Off Opportunity: Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am*

This year's school supply needs are a little bit different, since we now know that all of the students at Mullan Road Elementary and other Spokane Public Schools will begin the school year in a distance learning model. This means that young students will be needing some additional supplies that are typically provided by the school, since they will be doing their work from home instead of in the classroom.

We invite you to drop off your school supply donations at the church this Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am, and they will be taken to Mullan Road Elementary School for distribution to students in need. We also invite you drop off donations for **Shalom Ministries** and **Second Harvest** at that time.

- Crayons (16 pack)
- Colored Pencils (8-12 pack)
- Markers
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Ruler
- Pencil Pouch
- Composition Books (wide and college ruled)
- Spiral Notebooks (wide and college ruled)
- Notebook Paper (loose leaf; wide and college ruled)
- White Copy/Printer Paper
- Portfolio Folders with Pockets
- Scissors
- 3-Ring Zippered Binders with dividers

## Prayer Requests

- For the wildfires burning throughout the western United States, and all of the people impacted. For those who have lost homes and lives, for those facing evacuations, and the firefighters working to put the fires out.
- For the students and families returning to school this Monday, and for those who have already returned. We pray for strength and encouragement for all who are struggling with learning in this current pandemic context. We pray for the teachers, staff, and administrators working hard to provide the best learning environment possible.
- For Harry Burcalow as he seeks answers and treatment for vision problems.
- For Caden, Jeanie Cook's nephew, who is recovering from surgery and facing bleeding complications in the ICU. We pray for Caden's pain, nausea, and for his doctors to find answers.
- For all of Doc O'Connor's friends and family in their grief and celebration of his life.
- For Ralph and Eileen Kirby, who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- For Kim Newman as she continues to recover from her recent stroke. We pray also for the Newman family as Kim's husband, Aaren, recently lost his mother.
- For continued healing and strength for Dennis Rainey, Jeff Johnson, Richard Smith, and Pastor Barbara Caviezel.
- For Karen Tauscher as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For Baby Jack's continued strength and recovery, and for his family as they care for him.
- 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. For our local church leaders and for our Bishop, Elaine Stanovsky.
- For our local, state, and national leaders.

## Thinking About Advent

We have all had many “This is new!” moments during 2020. Doubtless, we will have many more before 2021 arrives. We long for the familiar ways that have been disrupted and we consider how these disruptions may impact the final months of the year, including the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

We may be wondering about some of the ways we, as a church, can ensure that we continue some of our most cherished Advent traditions. We may consider how we can reach every person and every family in a way that doesn't require internet, Zoom or any other electronic connection. One of our members, Joan King, is beginning a project to create a daily Advent devotional for our entire church family, with devotions written by our congregation.

Does this sound intriguing? Do you have a small amount of time that you could use to further this exciting project that is in the works? We'll have more information for you soon, so be watching!