

Moran United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 – Worship at Home and Online

Worship Bulletin

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.

The Order of Worship that you will find below can be used to guide your worship this day, whether you gather individually or with a small group of family and friends. If you have internet access and participate in our livestreamed worship service, this is the Order of Worship that we will follow, whether you watch live at 10:30am (www.facebook.com/moranchurch) or watch the recording at a later time (on Facebook or our website at www.moranumc.org/videos). If you don't have internet access, I invite you to pray these prayers, sing these songs, and read these scripture passages knowing that your church family is joining you from their own homes as well.

Song "The Way"

(<https://www.worshiptogether.com/songs/the-way-new-horizon-housefires/>)

Call to Worship (*read aloud or, with others, choose a liturgist and read responsively*)

We gather to worship, unsure of where we are going, and longing to know the way.

We trust in the Lord, who is the Way.

So much in our world feels deeply unsettled and unsettling, and we are bombarded with misinformation.

We trust in the Lord, who is the Truth.

Our hearts are heavy as we hold in prayer those who are sick, those who are alone, and those who are dying.

We trust in the Lord, who is the Life.

Lord, draw us close to you, that we might be ready to receive your guidance, knowing that you prepare a place for us and you reveal the way to get there.

As we open ourselves to your Word, illumine the path before us. AMEN.

Song "Thy Word"

(<https://www.worshiptogether.com/songs/thy-word-michael-w-smith-amy-grant/>)

Prayers of the People

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 "I Surrender All"

(<https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/h/441>)

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Scripture

Exodus 7:1-7 (NRSV)

The LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his land. But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and I will multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. When Pharaoh does not listen to you, I will lay my hand upon Egypt and bring my people the Israelites, company by company, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out from among them." Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the LORD commanded them. Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

John 4:1-14 (NRSV)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Sermon

"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Rev. Cody Natland

The sermon will be offered during the livestream and on the recording; it will be mailed to those without internet access in the coming week.

Invitation to the Offering

In the Bishop's letter last week, she encouraged us to "contribute to the needs of the saints, by continuing to support your local church and other vital ministries by your prayers, presence (in spirit and online), gifts (including regular tithes and financial support), service and witness" so that the ministries of our church are uninterrupted during this time. Take a moment to consider what you have to offer to God this week and make a commitment to follow through with that offering.

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

"The Solid Rock / My Hope Is Built"

(<https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/h/298>)

Benediction

As we end this time of worship, we know God will be with us wherever we are. Whether we're anxious or afraid, happy or joyful, on our own, or with friends and family, we know God will be with us wherever we go. So we go with joy, because God goes with us! Amen.