

Moran United Methodist Church

August 1, 2021 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Joanne Brown, Accompanist

Welcome

Rev. Cody Natland

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.

Masks are optional at our outdoor worship services for those who are fully vaccinated, and continue to be required for those who are not fully vaccinated. Masks will also continue to be required while singing and we will continue to observe social distancing.

Opening Prayer

Joanne Brown, Liturgist

God of forgiveness and new beginnings, you feed our hearts with compassion, and nourish our souls with the bread of heaven. As Jesus fed the hungry crowds, knowing that they needed both physical bread and the bread of heaven, fill us with your Spirit of generosity and make us one with Christ.

Amen. ¹

Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Janice Wrhel, with Crystal & Cody Natland

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
From the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in thy presence to abide
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest-home.

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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 "Thy Word" Janice Wrhel, with Crystal and Cody Natland

Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

I will not forget your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Chorus

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Scripture

Joanne Brown, Liturgist

Ephesians 4:1-16 (NRSV)

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

John 6:22-35 (NRSV)

The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus

nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Hymn "Great Is The Lord" Janice Wrhel

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just
By his power we trust in his love
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true
By his mercy he proves he is love

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord

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Sermon *Simply Receive* Rev. Cody Natland

Song "O Come To The Altar" Janice Wrhel

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy

From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Chorus

Bridge: Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Chorus

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Holy Communion

As you worship with us virtually, we invite you to gather the elements for Holy Communion as we celebrate the Lord's extensive, welcoming table. The traditional elements are bread and grape juice/wine, but you are welcome to substitute whatever elements are available to you (water, juice, crackers, etc).

Invitation to the Offering

We invite you to give as God leads you to support the church and its ministries as we seek to embrace, inspire, and serve, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. You can give online at www.moranumc.org/give, or by mailing your gift to the church at 3601 E 65th Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.

Benediction

Rev. Cody Natland

We have been fed by the Bread of Life, which nourishes and sustains us. Now go forth into God's world as members of the Body of Christ to nourish others and share with them the Bread of Life which gives life to all the world. Go in peace. Amen.

Postlude

Joanne Brown

¹ *Opening prayer written by Deborah Sokolove, accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/6179/worship-elements-august-1-2021>.*

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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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Weekly Outdoor Worship Services (Weather Permitting)

Sundays at 10:30am on the lawn at Moran UMC & Virtual via Live-Stream (Facebook & Website)

Join Sunday mornings at 10:30am as we gather outdoor worship services on the lawn (with space available for chairs on the flat parking lot, as well) at Moran UMC near the gazebo. Masks are now optional at our outdoor worship services for those who are fully vaccinated, and continue to be required for those who are not fully vaccinated. Masks will also continue to be required while singing. We will continue to observe social distancing.

Our services are also live-streamed on Facebook and our website at 10:30am.

If we need to cancel the in-person service due to weather or air quality concerns, a cancellation will be announced via email as early as possible (we aim for no later than Thursday). We will cancel for weather warnings issued by the National Weather Service; air quality cancellations will be made when the AQI is above 100 in our area as reported by the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency.

Weekday Morning Prayer Group -- Weekdays at 9am on Zoom

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

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

Join by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

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Wednesday Bible Study: The Prophet Micah -- Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm on Zoom

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

Join by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

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Monday Vespers and Holy Communion -- Mondays at 6:30pm

Connect via Facebook Live: 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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Summer Family Fun Day

Saturday, August 14th from 9-11am at Moran UMC (Outdoor)

We had our first Family Fun Day in July and had a wonderful time! We are planning to have our second event on August 14th from 9am to 11am near the Gazebo at Moran UMC. This event is open to all families in our church and community – so invite your neighbors, kids, grandkids, and friends to come out for a morning of fun activities. Our activities will include some that are water-based, so please wear clothes that can get wet. Be sure that every member of the family brings a facemask.

Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- For **wildfire containment, firefighters**, and the **communities** impacted by wildfires and poor air quality.
- For **Nancy Oberst**, who had a successful surgery last week and is recovering well.
- For **Kathy Powers**, Lois Moller's niece, who is recovering from cancer for thyroid surgery.
- For **Bob Thompson**, who is recovering at home from a heart attack and triple bypass surgery.
- For **Troy**, Priscilla Bowen's son-in-law, awaiting surgery to remove kidney stones.
- For Gail Allgood's friend, **Mark**, who is recovering from surgery for colon cancer.
- For Sally and Dennis' grandson, **Alex**, who is struggling with eating. We pray for his growth and strength, for his parents **Mandy** and **Eric**, and for discernment for his doctors to find the reason for his difficulties.
- For **Jane Bates**, who is under the care of hospice.
- For **Kathleen**, Susie Karnesky's sister, who is healing after surgery to replace broken vertebrae.
- For **Shirley and Roger**, step-mother and father of Sally Rainey's friend **Kerri**. Shirley is in the ICU and her health is in rapid decline.
- For **Vanessa**, Jacque Davis' grandson's wife, who is continuing to heal and adjust to life in a wheelchair. We also pray for her husband **Tony** and son **Jack** as they all adjust to these new limitations and realities.
- For the **McCrea-Jones Family**.
- For **Christy Tweedy**, recovering from a stroke.
- For Ed Malcolm's brother-in-law, **Claude**, recovering from a fall and broken bones. We also pray for his wife, **Fay**, as she cares for him.
- For **Sandra Prizeman**, continuing to recover from brain surgery.
- For **Joni Swartout**, recovering from recent illness.
- For **Bill**, Harriet Van Wyck's childhood friend's brother, with terminal cancer.
- For **those impacted by racism, discrimination, and racist violence**, and we pray for **change in our nation**.
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For **Avery**, Joan King's friend, who is 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 all who are sick, recovering, and grieving deaths from **COVID-19**. For those experiencing **loneliness and isolation**.
- For our **church leaders** as they continue to support a safe reopening process for our church and those around our Annual Conference. For our local church leaders and our Bishop, Rev. Elaine Stanovsky.