

Moran United Methodist Church

August 22, 2021 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Joanne Brown, Accompanist

Welcome

Rev. Cody Natland, Pastor

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 also continue to be required while singing and we will continue to observe social distancing.

Opening Prayer

Jeanie Cook, Liturgist

Giver and Sustainer of Life, we have come to pray, to worship, and to receive your gifts of healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, seeking to encounter your soothing presence. Lord, be with us this day. Calm us and feed us. Help us to rejoice that you have provided a time of worship set apart where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. Amen.

* Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Janice Wrhel with Crystal and Cody Natland

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Thou the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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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.

Hymn

"Hymn of Promise"

Joanne Brown

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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Scripture

Jeanie Cook, Liturgist

Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 (NRSV)

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

John 6:56-69 (NRSV)

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

* Hymn "The Table" Janice Wrhel

I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table (repeat)

Chorus: Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden is light
He is able, He will restore
At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord
There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

Chorus

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Sermon *Bread Of Life: You Have the Words of Eternal Life* Rev. Cody Natland

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.

* Hymn "Your Grace Is Enough" Janice Wrhel with Crystal Natland

Great is your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart

You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Bridge: So remember your people,
Remember your children,
Remember your promise, O God

Chorus 1: Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Bridge

Chorus 2: Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me

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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

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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):

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 349 727 648)

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Pub Theology -- Tuesdays at 6pm on Zoom

Honest conversations about things that matter. All viewpoints are welcome and encouraged as we talk about a wide variety of topics ranging from theology and philosophy to current events and personal experiences.

Join by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/794159957>

Join by Telephone:

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 794 159 957)

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Wednesday Bible Study: The Epistle of James -- Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm on Zoom

We are making our way through the Epistle of James and its invitation to connect our faith with our actions in the world.

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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Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- For the family of **Barbara**, Nina Young's daughter, who passed away from complications of Covid-19 last Sunday.

- For **Mickey Kendall**, Scott Kendall's brother, **and his family** who lost their home in the Caldor Wildfire in California.
- For **Valerie**, Jane Bates' daughter, and her family who live in California and have had to evacuate her home due to a wildfire.
- For **Gerald Bertram**, who is recovering from pancreas surgery and awaiting biopsy results.
- For **Joanne Brown**, who has had weakness due to low blood pressure.
- For **wildfire containment, firefighters**, and the **communities** impacted by wildfires and poor air quality across the western United States.
- For **Jane Bates**, who is under the care of hospice.
- For **Kelly Casto**, the Kifers' daughter, who is recovering from complications after surgery to remove kidney stones.
- For **Kathy Powers**, Lois Moller's niece, who is recovering from surgery for thyroid cancer.
- 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 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 **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**.
- 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 **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.