

Moran United Methodist Church

August 29, 2021 – Fourteenth 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

Debbie Maxson, Liturgist

Creating God, you are the source of summer's splendor — the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.¹

* Song

"This Is A Day Of New Beginnings"

Janice Wrhel

This is a day of new beginnings
 Time to remember and move on
 Time to believe what love is bringing
 Laying to rest the pain that's gone
 For by the life and death of Jesus
 Love's mighty Spirit now as then
 Can make for us a world of difference
 As faith and hope are born again
 Then let us with the Spirit's daring
 Step from the past and leave behind
 Our disappointment guilt and grieving
 Seeking new paths and sure to find
 Christ is alive and goes before us
 To show and share what love can do
 This is a day of new beginnings
 Our God is making all things new

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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

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Joanne Brown

Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free

Refrain: Silently now I wait for thee
Ready, my God, thy will to see
Open my eyes (/ears/heart), illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the wave notes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear

Refrain

Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share

Refrain

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Scripture

Debbie Maxson, Liturgist

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NRSV)

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-23 (NRSV)

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, “Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

*** Hymn** "Open The Eyes Of My Heart" Janice Wrhel

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you
I want to see you

To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you

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Sermon *What Comes From The Heart* 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** "10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)" Janice Wrhel

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

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Benediction

Rev. Cody Natland

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude

Joanne Brown

¹ *Opening Prayer written by Mary Petrina Boyd, accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3026/worship-elements-august-29-2021>*

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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):

+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)

+1 (346) 248-7799 (Meeting ID: 794 159 957)

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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+1 346 248 7799 (Meeting ID: 971 5579 9598)

Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- For the people of **Haiti** as they recover from an earthquake.
- For the people of **Afghanistan** as they face violence, oppression, and instability. For all who are still awaiting evacuation.
- For the people of **Louisiana** as Hurricane Ida approaches. For those in the **southern and eastern United States** recovering from storms and flooding.
- For the **family of Sheri**, Dennis and Jana Kifer's niece, who passed away this week.
- For **Kay Chinen**, Penny Herold's sister-in-law, who has entered hospice care.
- For **Ardis Storms**, who is recovering at home from recent illness.
- For **Joanne Brown**, who has been having weakness due to low blood pressure.

- For **Gerald Bertram**, who is recovering from pancreas surgery and awaiting biopsy results.
- 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 **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 **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, back, and hip.
- For **those impacted by racism, discrimination, and racist violence**, and we pray for **change in our nation**.
- 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.