

# Moran United Methodist Church

## July 25, 2021 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

### Prelude

Joanne Brown, Accompanist

### Welcome

Rev. Betty Smith

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

Lois Moller, Liturgist

Holy One, we bow our hearts before you this day. Strengthen us in our innermost being and dwell in our hearts through faith. May we be rooted and grounded in Christ, whose love is beyond all knowledge. Help us comprehend even the smallest part of the beautiful mystery of your grace. Grant that we may experience the fullness of your presence with us. Amen. <sup>1</sup>

### Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Janice Wrhel with Crystal and Cody Natland

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
 Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
 Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
 Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
 End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
 Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.  
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above;  
 Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
 Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
 Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
 Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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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](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.**

**Song** "Spirit Of The Living God"

Janice Wrhel

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me  
 Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me  
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me  
 Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

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**Scripture**

Lois Moller, Liturgist

***John 6:1-21 (NRSV)***

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

***Ephesians 3:14-21 (NRSV)***

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn** "In Christ Alone"

Janice Wrhel

In Christ alone my hope is found  
 He is my light my strength my song  
 This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
 What heights of love what depths of peace  
 When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
 My Comforter my All in All  
 Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
 Fullness of God in helpless babe  
 This gift of love and righteousness  
 Scorned by the ones He came to save  
 Till on that cross as Jesus died  
 The wrath of God was satisfied  
 For every sin on Him was laid  
 Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
 Light of the world by darkness slain  
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
 Up from the grave He rose again  
 And as He stands in victory  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
 For I am His and He is mine  
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
 This is the power of Christ in me  
 From life's first cry to final breath  
 Jesus commands my destiny  
 No power of hell no scheme of man  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand  
 Till He returns or calls me home  
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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**Sermon** *Rooted and Grounded in Love*

Rev. Betty Smith

**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](http://www.moranumc.org/give), or by mailing your gift to the church at 3601 E 65<sup>th</sup> Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.*

**Song**

"Pass It On"

Joanne Brown

It only takes a spark to get a fire going  
 And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing  
 That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it  
 You spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding  
 The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming  
 That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it  
 You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found  
 You can depend on Him it matters not where you're bound  
 I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know  
 The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on

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**Benediction**

Rev. Betty Smith

**Postlude**

Joanne Brown

<sup>1</sup> *Opening prayer written by Bill Hoppe, accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/6159/worship-elements-july-25-2021>*

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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.*

## Schedule Changes

- **Vespers and Holy Communion:** Due to Pastor Cody's vacation, there will be no service of Vespers & Holy Communion this Monday, July 26th. We will have Holy Communion during our worship service on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and our Monday Vespers and Holy Communion service will resume on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Wednesday Bible Study – Micah:** Due to some scheduling conflicts and travel plans for Pastor Cody and some of our group members, we are taking a break from our study this week. We will resume on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Pastor Cody on Vacation July 21-29

I will be on vacation from Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. While I am away, I will not be able to receive phone calls, check my voicemail, or read my emails regularly. I will check and return messages once I return to the office on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you or a loved one are in need of pastoral care while I am on vacation, or if you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, Rev. Betty Smith will be available on an on-call basis during the week. Pastor Betty can be reached by phone at (509)951-8347 or (509)467-0786. Non-emergency needs or questions can be directed to Jacque Davis, our Administrative Assistant, at (509)448-7102 or [moranumc3601@live.com](mailto:moranumc3601@live.com)

-- Pastor Cody Natland

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

*Our Bible Study is taking a break this week, and will resume on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.*

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

Join by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 276 855 082)

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

*We will NOT have Vespers & Communion on Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.*

Connect via Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/moranchurch](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch)

Connect via Zoom (computer/tablet/smartphone): <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/97155799598>

Connect via Phone (home phone, landline, cell phone):

+1 253 215 8782 (Meeting ID: 971 5579 9598)

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### Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- For **wildfire containment, firefighters**, and the **communities** impacted by wildfires.
- 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.