

## Moran United Methodist Church

November 14, 2021 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

### Prelude

Joanne Brown, Accompanist

### Welcome

Jeanie Cook

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you have joined us to worship God today. Whether this is your first Sunday with us or you have been worshipping with us for many years, we want you to know that you are a beloved child of God and you belong here in our church family. If you are joining us in person, please be sure that you wear a face mask and that it covers your mouth and nose. We ask you to please refrain from singing, but invite you to hum, clap, or read along with the music.

### Stewardship Moment

Sandy Westrand and Joan King

### Opening Prayer

Jeanie Cook

Our gracious and ever loving God, we come in the midst of a challenging week looking for refreshment. We rest in the knowledge of the wonderful works you have done for us, and of the deep and abiding love you have for us and for all God's people. Search our hearts. Fill our souls with your indwelling Spirit who whispers to our souls that all will be well if we trust in you. Shine your light before us, that we may see our path to you and to your kingdom on earth. **Amen.**

### \* Song "Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)"

Janice Wrhel

Your love is amazing, steady, and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a mystery, how you gently lift me  
When I am surrounded, your love carries me

*Chorus:* Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me  
Every time I see you all your goodness shines through  
I can feel this God song rising up in me

*Chorus*

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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 joining us on Facebook. Prayer requests can also be emailed to Pastor Cody at [PastorNatland@gmail.com](mailto:PastorNatland@gmail.com)*

### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Gregg Sealey

### 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 "Amazing Grace"

Joanne Brown

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That save da wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

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## Scripture

Jeanie Cook

**2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (Common English Bible)**

What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop.

Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. As it is written, *He scattered everywhere; he gave to the needy; his righteousness remains forever.*

The one who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop, which is righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us. Your ministry of this service to God's people isn't only fully meeting their needs but it is also multiplying in many expressions of thanksgiving to God. They will give honor to God for your obedience to your confession of Christ's gospel. They will do this because this service provides evidence of your obedience, and because of your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone. They will also pray for you, and they will care deeply for you because of the outstanding grace that God has given to you. Thank God for his gift that words can't describe!

**Matthew 14:22-33 (Common English Bible)**

Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, “Be encouraged! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.”

Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water.”

And Jesus said, “Come.”

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, “Lord, rescue me!”

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, “You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?” When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, “You must be God’s Son!”

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*Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.   **Response: Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon**                    *Visions and Storms*

Rev. Gregg Sealey

### **Invitation to the Offering**

*We invite you to give as God leads you to support our church and ministries as we seek to embrace, inspire, and serve, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In addition to the placing your offering plates in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, we invite you to give online at [www.moranumc.org/give](http://www.moranumc.org/give), or mail your gift to: 3601 E 65<sup>th</sup> Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.*

**\* Hymn**                    "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"                    Janice Wrhel with Crystal and Cody Natland

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy passions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Refrain*

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**Benediction**

Rev. Gregg Sealey

**Postlude**

Joanne Brown

*As the service ends, we invite those seated in the Fellowship Hall to be dismissed first. Ushers will dismiss those seated in the Sanctuary by row/section. If you would like to greet one another, we invite you to gather outside on the entry patio for a time of fellowship.*

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## Fellowship Time

### ***Fellowship Outdoors***

Those who are worshipping in person this morning are invited to greet and visit together outside after the worship service. Masks are optional while outdoors. We are not able to offer coffee, cookies, or other refreshments at this time. Always ask permission before you shake someone's hand or offer a hug, as everyone has different comfort levels with physical touch.

### ***Virtual Coffee Hour***

Sundays at 11:30 am on Zoom

Those worshipping virtually are invited to join us on Zoom for a time of fellowship and connection 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)

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## Weekly Worship Services

### ***Worship At Moran UMC***

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 am

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at Moran UMC. Mask wearing and physical distancing will be required by all participants, regardless of vaccination status. Children's Sunday School for children in Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is offered in the Disciples/Shepherds Room during the worship service.

### ***Worship Online***

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 am

Our worship services continue to be live-streamed online for those who are unable or not yet comfortable returning to in-person services. Our worship services continue to be live-streamed online for those who are unable or not yet comfortable returning to in-person services.

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## Children's Sunday School (Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

*In the Disciples/Shepherds Room at 10:30am*

**Sunday School will be currently offered during our worship service in the Disciples/Shepherds Room.** By opening the dividing wall between the two rooms, we will have plenty of space to socially distance children by families. There will be lots of windows to open, our HVAC system running, and a high-capacity air purifier. All children and adults must wear masks. When the weather is nice, we plan to spend part of our time outside. The biggest change is that for now, kids will come straight to their class instead of entering the sanctuary with the adults.

Our curriculum is *An Illustrated Earth*, which contains stories that celebrate water, plants, food, animals, and all of God's creation. We will also be including Christmas Lessons and stories throughout the Advent season.

Sunday School may look a little different, but teachers Sandy and Shawna will be there with fun lessons and crafts!

**Charge Conference Business Meeting**

Sunday, November 14th at 5:00pm on Zoom

Our **second Charge Conference meeting**, where we will vote to approve the Pastor's Salary, Nominations Report (church leadership positions for 2022), receive the annual budget for 2022, and other business items will be held THIS EVENING - Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> - at 5:00pm on Zoom.

Join the Charge Conference Meeting virtually by

Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/5094487102>

Join the Charge Conference Meeting by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 509 448 7102)

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**Hanging Of The Greens**

Sunday, Nov. 21st – Saturday, Nov. 27th

In the upcoming Advent season, we want to continue our long tradition of “Hanging of the Greens,” which means decorating our church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. For the safety of our church family and friends during the lingering pandemic, we tried to think of ways to decorate in smaller groups of family, small groups, and various committees over a week's time frame. We have created a list of areas that you personally or as a group or committee might undertake. Jacque Davis will keep this list in the office. Choose an area that interests you and then call the church office at 448-7102 or sign up on Sunday morning to schedule when you'd like to decorate between Sunday afternoon, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday morning, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. The first Sunday of Advent is Nov. 28th. The items such as trees, garland, wall hangings, etc. will be staged downstairs for your convenience. HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE to all!

You can call the church office or check the sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall to find out what decorating opportunities/needs are still available.

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**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>

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

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

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>)

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**Pub Theology -- Tuesdays at 6pm on Zoom**

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

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## Wednesday Bible Study – Currently on Break

*The Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom is taking a break for the rest of the month of November, and will resume on December 1<sup>st</sup> for our Advent Study.*

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### Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- For **Elizabeth Williams**, who began radiation and chemotherapy this week, and has also been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- For **Clara**, Debbie Arnold's mother, who was diagnosed with breast cancer this week. We pray for discernment about treatment options as she has an appointment on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- For **Jewel Nelson**, Lois Moller's friend, who broke her knee and shoulder.
- For **Dylan and Dean Robinson and all of Courtney Nelson's family** as they grieve, remember, and celebrate her life.
- For **Luella Palmer**, who is recovering from an ulcer in her intestine.
- For **Roseann Thornberry** who is recovering from a stroke.
- For **Ralph and Eileen Kirby** who have been diagnosed with breakthrough COVID-19. They are resting at home and managing their symptoms.
- For **Mia**, Nola Lefler's granddaughter's friend, who is in a coma with liver failure brought on by cancer.
- For **Maryann**, a close friend of Jacque Davis who lost her husband, Bob, this week.
- For **Bob Tweedy**, who is recovering from a fall.
- For **Martin Nelson**, Lois Moller's friend, recovering from serious burns.
- For **Richard Smith**, as he navigates health issues.
- For **Dennis Rainey**, who is having health problems and awaiting diagnosis.
- For **Maddie**, Harriet Van Wyck's granddaughter's friend, recovering from serious injuries.
- For **Lis McCrea-Jones**, who is recovering from knee surgery.
- For **Ardis Storms**, who is recovering from recent illness.
- For **Joanne Brown**, who has been having weakness due to low blood pressure.
- For **Kathleen**, Susie Karnesky's sister, who is healing after surgery for broken vertebrae.
- 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 together.
- For the **McCrea-Jones Family**.
- For **Joni Swartout**, recovering from recent illness.
- For **Gerald Bertram** as he continues his cancer treatments.
- 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 bullying, 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 **hospitals, medical centers, and medical workers**.
- 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.