

# Moran United Methodist Church

October 24, 2021 – Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

## Prelude

Joanne Brown, Accompanist

## Welcome

Rev. Cody Natland

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.

## Opening Prayer

Joanne Brown, Liturgist

Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Christ as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives that we might walk with you and do your will. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

\* **Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" Janice Wrhel, with Crystal and Cody Natland

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo the hosts of evil 'round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore,  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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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. Cody Natland

## 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** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Janice Wrhel with Crystal and Cody Natland

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
 That saved a wretch like me  
 I once was lost but now I'm 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

*Chorus* My chains are gone I've been set free  
 My God my Savior has ransomed me  
 And like a flood His mercy rains  
 Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
 His word my hope secures  
 He will my shield and portion be  
 As long as life endures

*Chorus*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
 The sun forbear to shine  
 But God who called me here below  
 Will be forever mine

*Chorus*

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**Scripture**

Harriet Van Wyck

***Psalm 34:1-8 (NRSV)***

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
 his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
 let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me,  
 and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me,  
 and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;  
 so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,  
 and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the LORD encamps  
 around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
 happy are those who take refuge in him.

**Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here."

And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."

So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."

Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**Sermon**            *How We Respond to Bartimaeus*

Rev. Cody Natland

**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. You can 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**            "Be Thou My Vision"

Joanne Brown

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best though, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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**Benediction**

Rev. Cody Natland

The darkness has been banished. Sight has been restored. Your lives are being re-formed in the love of Christ. Go in peace to serve with great joy. Bring the love of God with you so that the light which has brightened your life may shine for others. Go now, beloved, to share the good news. Amen.

**Postlude**

Joanne Brown

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### **Virtual Coffee Hour**

Sundays at 11:30 am on Zoom – Join us 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)

+1(253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 964 6068 8631) +1(346) 248-7799 (Meeting ID: 964 6068 8631)

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### **Weekly Live-Streamed Services**

Sundays at 10:30 am Online via Live-Stream (Facebook & Website)

**Due to the cold weather, we have moved our worship services to online-only for the rest of the month of October.** We will continue to live-stream our services on Sunday mornings to our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/moranchurch](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch) and our website at [www.moranumc.org](http://www.moranumc.org).

We hope that we won't be spending too many weeks only being able to worship together online. Our Reimagining Team is continuing to meet every two weeks to assess local case rates and other data, and to evaluate our plans for a safe reopening as soon we are able. We are seeing encouraging movement in our trends, and we know that our Moran church family is all eagerly anticipating our return to worship together in our Sanctuary.

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### **Return to In-Person Worship In Our Church Building!**

Beginning Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

We are thrilled to share **that we will return to indoor worship services at Moran UMC, with seating in both our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.** 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 will be offered in the Disciples/Shepherds Room during the worship service. Services will also continue to be live-streamed online for those who are unable or not yet comfortable returning to in-person services.

Watch your mail and email in the coming week for more details about what this return to in-person, indoor worship will look like.

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### **Trunk-Or-Treat Event**

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:00 pm

**We are still in need of more "Trunk Hosts"** to decorate their car trunks or hatches and join us for our community Trunk-Or-Treat event on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Trunk hosts and other volunteers are asked to arrive by 4:00 pm to get set up and ready for children and families from our community to come by to see our decorated trunks, share in fellowship and fun, and get some delicious treats.

We hope to have all of the children and families of our church come by to enjoy the Trunk-Or-Treat – be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

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### **Welcoming Refugees – Linen Welcome Kits for World Relief**

This is the final week that the Missions Team is collecting donations to create linen kits to welcome refugees who are being resettled in the Spokane area through World Relief. Refugees often flee from

their homes at a moment's notice, and they arrive in Spokane with very few belongings to begin a new life. These welcome kits will help to ensure that the family has some of their most basic necessities for getting settled into their new homes.

Donations can be brought to the church on Sunday mornings, during our "Mission Monday" drop-off from 10am-Noon on Mondays, or during office hours (Mon, Wed, and Thurs from 10am-3pm). Please donate only new, unused items. The following items are most needed:

- Blankets: Twin or Queen
- Pillows
- Comforters: Twin or Queen

### **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):

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 349 727 648) +1 (346) 248-7799 (Meeting ID: 349 727 648)

### **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>

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

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 971 5579 9598) +1 (346) 248 7799 (Meeting ID: 971 5579 9598)

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

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

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

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### **Wednesday Bible Study: Paul's Epistle to Titus** -- Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm on Zoom

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

Join by Phone (dial either of these numbers):

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### **Fall Study: Finding Peace in an Anxious World**

*Thursdays at 10:00am beginning October 14th*

*Moran UMC -- Disciples/Shepherds Room*

This new four-week study will be led by Pastor Cody and held in person at Moran UMC in the Disciples/Shepherds Room. Reading through parts of the book of Proverbs and the words of "The Serenity Prayer," will explore ways that we can connect deeply with God through prayer and other spiritual disciplines when life gets overwhelming. Our time together will include not only learning and discussion, but also opportunities to engage in some new spiritual disciplines that will help us to deepen and strengthen our connections with God.

We are excited to be offering this study in person, and ask that participants wear masks and socially distance. The Disciples/Shepherds Room is located at the far east end of the building.

## Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- For **Courtney Nelson**, who is currently in critical condition with double pneumonia and a bacterial infection.
- For **Mia**, Nola Lefler's granddaughter's friend, who is in a coma with liver failure brought on by cancer.
- For **Bob and Maryann**, friends of Jacque Davis. Bob had a major heart attack and is on life support.
- For **Elizabeth Williams**, who is recovering very well from recent emergency brain surgery and awaiting more information about what treatment steps will come next.
- For **Bob Tweedy**, who is recovering from a fall.
- For **Martin Nelson**, somebody Lois Moller knows, who is at Harborview Burn Unit with severe burns after surviving an explosion. Prayers also for Martin's daughter and ex-wife.
- For **Richard Smith**, as his doctor believes his cancer has returned and has referred him to an oncologist. Richard has also been diagnosed with diabetes.
- For **Sally Hall and her daughter Hazel** (Hazel is Joan King's best friend)
- 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 **Gerald Bertram** as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
- 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 **wildfire containment, firefighters**, and the **communities** impacted by wildfires.
- 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 **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.