

Moran United Methodist Church

October 25th, 2020 Worship Bulletin

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Welcome to worship! Though we are unable to gather in person today, we can still worship together and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected even while we are apart. This service will be livestreamed on Sunday morning at 10:30am via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/moranchurch) and on the front page of our website (www.moranumc.org). The recording will be available immediately following the livestream.

Call to Worship *(you are invited to read this responsively)*¹

Leader: We are called to be people of God's kingdom.

People: In God's realm we will find healing and hope.

Leader: We are called to be people who love as God loves us.

People: In God's world, we will reach out with God's love to all God's people.

Leader: We are called to be those who serve faithfully.

People: Lord, be with us as we offer ourselves to you by helping those in need. AMEN.

Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

<http://bit.ly/JoyfulLyrics>

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.

Song

"I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever"

<http://bit.ly/ICouldSingLyrics>

Scripture

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (NRSV)

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Matthew 22:34-46 (NRSV)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Hymn "Come Down O Love Divine" <http://bit.ly/LyricsComeDown>

Sermon "Everything Hinges on Love" Rev. Cody Natland
The sermon will be delivered during the livestream and on the video recording (Facebook and website); copies of the manuscript are available upon request and are included with the copy of the weekly bulletin mailed to those without access to our livestreamed services.

Invitation to the Offering

We invite you to continue to give your pledged gifts, offerings, and tithes to support the church and its ministries. Though the building is empty, our ministries continue to be active, and many of our expenses continue during this season. Please give as your financial situation allows.

You can give online at www.moranumc.org/give, or you can mail your donation to the church at 3601 E 65th Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.

Song "Reckless Love" <http://bit.ly/LyricsRecklessLove>

Benediction

Go forth to bear witness to the love of God in this world so that those to whom love is a stranger will find in you generous friends. May God guide your footsteps as you serve God and neighbor. **Amen.**²

¹ *Call to Worship adapted from Nancy Townley. Accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8468/worship-connection-october-25-2020>*

² *Benediction adapted from the United Methodist Book of Worship.*

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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)

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

Worship Service "Watch Party" Opportunities

Beginning in November

Beginning in the month of November, we will be offering opportunities during the week for small groups of 5 people or less to gather in person at Moran UMC to watch the recording of the previous Sunday's worship service. We will prioritize space for those who do not have the ability to participate in our worship services virtually at home. **If you would be interested in participating in one of these weekly "Watch Parties," please contact the Church Office at (509) 448-7102.**

Drive-Through Trunk-Or-Treat

Friday, October 30th from 4-6pm

Join us for a spook-tacular "**Drive-Through Trunk or-Treat**" event at the end of the month! Mark your calendars for Friday, October 30th from 4-6pm in the Moran UMC parking lot! Enjoy decorated car trunks, lots of candy, and bring your decorated pumpkin for a virtual pumpkin decorating contest (we'll take your photo with your pumpkin and then post it to our website for voting, with prizes in multiple categories).

How will this work? This event will be safe, and we will follow guidelines for mask wearing and social distancing throughout the event. Each car will come through our parking lot, making a "U" shape to view each decorated trunk and costumed host. After driving through the trunks, participants will receive a bag of pre-bagged candy and, if they brought a decorated pumpkin, will have their photo taken with their pumpkin for the decorating contest.

Volunteers and Donations Needed for Drive-Through Trunk-Or-Treat

It's not too late to take part in our Trunk-Or-Treat event! Contact Kevin Torres to sign up by email at Kevin.MUMC@gmail.com or at the church office, (509)448-7102.

Candy donations (*individually wrapped*) can be brought to the church during our Mission Monday Drop-Offs on Monday from 10-11am, or by arrangement with Kevin Torres. We are accepting candy donations until Noon on Monday, October 26th.

We also need lots of volunteers to host a trunk! This will involve decorating your car's trunk/hatch (spooky, funny, creative, etc. -- there are lots of ideas out there if you google "Trunk Or Treat Ideas") and greeting our trunk-or-treaters as they drive through our parking lot, maintaining a safe distance.

Rather than having each person pass out candy and coming into close contact with all of the kids, each kid will receive a pre-bagged bag of candy at the end. **Hosting a trunk does NOT mean you have to come into close contact with guests.**

Finally, we will need some volunteers to help with **traffic flow** to guide participants into our parking lot off of Freya.

Annual Church/Charge Conference

Sunday, November 1st from 6:30-8:30pm (Zoom)

Our Charge/Church Conference will be held on Sunday, November 1st from 6:30-8:30pm via Zoom. The Charge/Church Conference is the annual meeting of the members of Moran UMC to celebrate the work of our congregation, and to make some key decisions for the coming year. We will elect our congregational leadership for 2021, adopt the Pastor's salary package, and receive reports from our many ministry teams.

This meeting is open to all members of Moran UMC.

Join by Computer/Tablet/Smartphone:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/6612195328?pwd=bXVoNmNkQ1VHdFJQc3VXQ0VtV0Q3UT09>

Meeting ID: 661 219 5328

Passcode: 856254

Join by Phone (dial any of these numbers):

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Children's and Youth Virtual Sunday School Continues!

Children's and Youth Sunday School videos are posted each Sunday morning from your Sunday School teachers as they lead you in Bible stories, crafts, and other activities. Since the videos are recorded, we invite you/your families to engage with them on Sunday mornings, or at whatever point during the weeks that works best for your family.

Children's Sunday School: www.moranumc.org/sundayschool

Youth Sunday School: www.moranumc.org/youthvideos

We are offering a Children's Zoom Hangout every other Sunday at 1pm, during our Children's Moment time slot. On the opposite weeks, we will have our Children's Moment via Facebook Live.

October 25th: Children's Zoom Hangout

November 1st: Children's Moment on Facebook Live

November 8th: Children's Zoom Hangout

November 15th: Children's Moment on Facebook Live

Children's Zoom Hangout Zoom: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96460688631> (Passcode 3601)

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Mission Monday Drive-Through

Mondays from 10-11am at Moran UMC

School Supplies, Shalom, & Second Harvest – and -- Candy for the Trunk-Or-Treat

We invite you to drop off any donations you have for Shalom Ministries, Second Harvest, or School Supplies for Mullan Road Elementary School on Monday mornings from 10-11am at Moran UMC. Bins for donations to each of these organizations will be available along the curb at the front of the church building.

If you have any questions about what items are needed, please contact Debbie Maxson.

Prayer Requests

- For all around the country and world who are sick, recovering, and grieving deaths from **COVID-19**.
- For **residents and health professionals in Spokane County as our COVID-19 numbers continue to be elevated**.
- For Lori and Bob Thompson's friends, **Andy, Jerry, and Linda**.
- For Priscilla Bowen's granddaughter, **RayAnn**.
- For the **McCrea-Jones Family**.
- For all who have been impacted by **severe flooding and damage in the southeastern United States** from Hurricane Sally, devastation of Hurricane Laura, and Hurricane Delta.
- For the **wildfires and wildfire recovery** throughout the western United States.
- For continued healing and strength for **Nancy Oberst, Harry Burcalow, Kim Newman, Dennis Rainey, Jeff Johnson, Richard Smith, and Pastor Barbara Caviezel**.
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For those who are working for change in our nation around issues of **racial justice**.
- For those who are experiencing **loneliness and isolation**.
- For our **church leaders** as they continue to envision a gradual, phased reopening process for our church. For our local church leaders and for our Bishop, Elaine Stanovsky.
- For our **local, state, and national leaders**.