

Moran United Methodist Church

October 31, 2021 – Twenty Third 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

Betty Smith, Liturgist

Lord, we remember the many ways in which you have helped and saved us, from generation to generation. Be with us this day as we listen for your word for us in our time. Touch our hearts with your healing mercy and help us to love more fully. We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Song

"Indescribable"

Janice Wrhel, with Crystal and Cody Natland

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings, all exclaiming

Chorus: Indescribable, uncontainable, you placed the stars in the sky
And you know them by name; you are amazing God
All powerful, untamable, awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim you are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night, none can fathom

Chorus

Chorus 2: Indescribable, uncontainable, you placed the stars in the sky
And you know them by name; you are amazing God
Incomparable, unchangeable, you see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same; you are amazing God

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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

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.

* Hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Joanne Brown

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contentions cease;
Be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

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Scripture

Joanne Brown

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NRSV)

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Sermon

Created and Called to Love

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, or mail your gift to: 3601 E 65th Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.

* **Song** "My Lighthouse" Janice Wrhel with Kenny Sager (drums) and Crystal & Cody Natland

In my wrestling and in my doubts
 In my failures you won't walk out
 Your great love will lead me through
 You are the peace in my troubled sea
 You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence you won't let go
 In my questions your truth will hold
 Your great love will lead me through
 You are the peace in my troubled sea
 You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus: My lighthouse, my lighthouse
 Shining in the darkness I will follow you
 My lighthouse, my lighthouse
 I will trust the promise you will carry me
 Safe to shore, safe to shore
 Safe to shore, safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
 With each morning I'll rise and sing
 My God's love will lead me through
 You are the peace in my troubled sea
 You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

Bridge: Fire before us, you're the brightest
 You will lead us through the storms (x4)

Chorus

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Benediction

Rev. Cody Natland

As you go forth from this time of worship, may God's love surround you, uphold you, and empower you to be agents of love in this world. 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)

Weekly Live-Streamed Service

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 and our website at www.moranumc.org.

Return to In-Person Worship In Our Church Building!

Beginning Sunday, November 7th 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 7th.** Mask wearing and physical distancing will be required by all participants, regardless of vaccination status. Children's Sunday School for children in Preschool through 5th 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.

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

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: 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

Moran UMC -- Disciples/Shepherds Room

This four-week study is 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.

This study is taking place in person at the church, and we 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 **Elizabeth Williams**, who has been diagnosed with a glioblastoma (an aggressive brain cancer) and will soon begin 6.5 weeks of radiation and chemotherapy.
- For **Courtney Nelson**, who is currently in critical condition with double pneumonia and is on dialysis for kidney failure.
- 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 **Sally Hall and her daughter Hazel** (Hazel is Joan King's best friend). Sally has returned home from a long stay in the hospital and is doing well.
- 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 **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.