

Moran United Methodist Church

October 3rd, 2021 – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Joanne Brown, Accompanist

Welcome

Rev. Cody Natland, Pastor

Welcome to worship! Whether you are joining us in person at our outdoor worship service or online 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 also continue to be required while singing and we will continue to observe social distancing.

Opening Prayer

Jeanie Cook, Liturgist

O Redeemer God, as we gather in worship on this World Communion Sunday, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you have given to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for your peace and justice. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.¹

* Hymn

"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

Janice Wrhel

Lord, I lift your name on high
 Lord, I love to sing your praises
 I'm so glad you're in my life
 I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
 From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
 From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
 Lord, I lift your name on high

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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.

* Song

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Janice Wrhel with Cody Natland

Come down O Love divine
 Seek out this soul of mine
 And visit it with your own ardour glowing
 O Comforter draw near

Within my heart appear
And kindle it your holy flame bestowing

There let it freely burn
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming

And so the yearning strong
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling
For none can guess its grace,
Till love create a place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling

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Scripture

Jeanie Cook, Liturgist

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (NSRV)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Mark 10:13-16 (NRSV)

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God

Benediction

Rev. Cody Natland

We have encountered the living God through the love of the living Christ. We have been refreshed by living water. Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires. Be water bearers to a dry and parched world, knowing that the God of love and hope goes before you and with you always. Amen.²

Postlude

Joanne Brown

¹ Opening prayer written by Rev. Emily McGinley and Richard Pak

² Benediction written by Joanne Carlson Brown. Accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4785/worship-elements-march-15-2020>

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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>

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All-Church / Charge Conference – Holy Conferencing Gathering

Tuesday, October 5th at 5:00pm on Zoom

This year, our Charge Conference gathering will be broken up into two separate meetings, both to be held on Zoom. The first meeting will be a time of Holy Conferencing to meet and get to know our new District Superintendent, Rev. Daniel Miranda, and to hear what he has to share to encourage, challenge, and strengthen us in this year of ministry. For this meeting, we will be joined by the congregations of Manito UMC and Highland Park UMC.

Join the Charge Conference Zoom Meeting: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/6435794593>

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Our Charge Conference Business Meeting, where we will vote to approve the Pastor's Salary, Nominations Report (church leadership positions for 2022), and other important business items will be held in November.

Special Offering: World Communion Sunday

In United Methodist Churches around the world, a special offering is collected on World Communion Sunday to fund scholarships for United Methodist seminarians around the world. One half of the proceeds is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

We invite you to give as generously as you are able to help support seminarians in need as they prepare for ministry in the United Methodist Church. You can give to this special offering by writing "World Communion Sunday" in the memo line of your check, or on the outside of your giving envelope.

Spiritual Renewal Leave for Pastor Cody

I will be taking a time of Spiritual Renewal Leave from October 6th through October 11th. This will be a time for me to be able to intentionally focus on connecting deeply with God and immersing myself in practices focused on spiritual growth and self-care.

While I am away, I will not be able to receive phone calls, or check my voicemail or email regularly. I will check and return messages once I return to the office on Tuesday, October 12th.

On Sunday, October 10th, Rev. Dale Cockrum will be preaching. Rev. Cockrum is a retired Elder, and a former District Superintendent in our Inland District. We plan to continue to offer our worship service both outdoors and live-streamed on that Sunday as the weather allows.

If you or a loved one are in need of pastoral care while I am on renewal leave, 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.

-- Pastor Cody Natland

Weekly Outdoor Worship Services (Weather Permitting)

Sundays at 10:30am on the lawn at Moran UMC & Online via Live-Stream (Facebook & Website)

Worship with us outdoors on Sunday mornings at Moran UMC near the gazebo! 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. 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 our outdoor services for weather that is unsafe or very uncomfortable, both for our attendees and our electronic equipment.

Welcoming Refugees – Linen Welcome Kits for World Relief

The Missions Team is asking for your help in creating 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.

- Bed Linens: Twin or Queen
- Comforters: Twin or Queen
- Towel Sets (bath, hand, face)
- Blankets: Twin or Queen
- Pillows
- \$25 gift cards to Dollar Tree, Amazon, Walmart, Winco, or Target

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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There will be **NO Wednesday Evening Bible Study this week on October 6th**. We will resume on October 13th.

Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- For **Jace**, Lois Moller's grandson, **and for Jace's family** as they are all fighting COVID-19. Jace's mother has mild pneumonia and some other issues.
- 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) as Sally is back in the hospital and unable to walk or stand.
- For **Brian**, Susie Karnesky's cousin, who is in the ICU with COVID-19 and on a ventilator.
- 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 many in our church and community who have family, friends, and other loved ones who have been **diagnosed with COVID-19**.
- For **Gerald Bertram** as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
- For **Lis McCrea-Jones**, who is recovering from knee surgery.
- For all recovering from the impact of **natural disasters**.
- For the people of **Afghanistan** as they face violence, oppression, and instability.
- 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 and poor air quality across the western United States.
- 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 **Christy Tweedy**, recovering from a stroke.
- 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 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.