

Moran United Methodist Church

September 26, 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

Crystal Natland, Liturgist

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope — hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship — the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.¹

* Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Janice Wrhel

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

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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** "Revelation Song"

Janice Wrhel

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is he
Sing a new song to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation, I sing praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything and I will adore you

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory,
And power be to you, the only wise King

Chorus

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath, and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

Chorus

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Scripture

Crystal Natland, Liturgist

Psalm 78:1-4, 17:1-6..(NSRV)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.

In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.

He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Exodus 17 1-7 (NRSV)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

* **Hymn** "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" Joanne Brown

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

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Sermon *Through The Wilderness: Strike The Rock* Rev. Cody Natland

Invitation to the Offering

We invite you to give as God leads you to support the church and its 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 by mailing your gift to the church at 3601 E 65th Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.

* **Hymn** "Forward Through The Ages" Janice Wrhel, with Crystal and Cody Natland

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain: Forward through the ages, in unbroken line
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;

For it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
 Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
 Poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.

Refrain

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
 In each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
 Bound by God's far purpose, in one living whole,
 Move we on together to the shining goal.

Refrain

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

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>

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 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.

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. The Zoom link for this meeting will be shared as soon as it is available.

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 sometime in November.

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
- Blankets: Twin or Queen
- Comforter: Twin or Queen
- Pillows
- Towel Sets (bath, hand, face)
- \$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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Wednesday Bible Study: The Epistle of James -- 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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Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- For **Brian**, Susie Karnesky's cousin, who is in the ICU with COVID-19 and on a ventilator.
- For **Flo Harper**, who has been in and out of the emergency room over the past week with health issues.
- For **Dennis Rainey**, who is having health problems and awaiting diagnosis.
- For **Maddie**, Harriet Van Wyck's granddaughter's friend, who has serious and extensive injuries from a car accident.
- 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**, who has been diagnosed with cancer in his pancreas and liver and will begin chemotherapy soon.
- 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 **Kelly Casto**, the Kifers' daughter, who is recovering from complications after surgery to remove kidney stones.
- For **Bob Thompson**, who is recovering at home from a heart attack and triple bypass surgery.
- For **Alex**, Sally and Dennis' grandson, who is struggling with eating.
- 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.