

Moran United Methodist Church

September 27th, 2020 Worship Bulletin

17th 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: Come, let us bow before the Holy One.

People: Come, let us confess God's might.

Leader: Come, let us feel God's mercy.

People: Come, let us live in God's light.

Leader: As God's beloved people, we lift our voices in worship and praise.

People: Glory to you, gracious and loving God! AMEN.

Hymn "All Creatures Of Our God And King" <http://bit.ly/LyricsAllCreatures>

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 "Give Me Jesus" <http://bit.ly/GiveMeJesusLyrics>

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-13 (NRSV)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
 but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
 so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-32 (NRSV)

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Hymn "Heal Me, Hands of Jesus"

<http://bit.ly/HealMeLyrics>

Introducing our Guest Preacher

While Pastor Cody is on paternity leave, we will have guest preachers from throughout our Annual Conference providing the sermon each week. This Sunday, we hear from Rev. David Valera who is an Ordained Elder and serves as the Director of Connectional Ministries for the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. You may also know Rev. Valera as the "techie" from the Conference who helped set up our sound system in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Sermon "Let's Not Go That Way!"

Rev. David Valera

The sermon will be delivered during the livestream and on the video recording (Facebook and website); it will be mailed to those without email/internet access in the coming week.

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 "I Will Follow"

<http://bit.ly/IWillFollowLyrics>

Benediction

Go bravely and boldly into this world of confusion and pain. Bring God's healing words of love and forgiveness. Know the power of mercy and grace in your life, and use those wonderful gifts to serve God by serving God's people. Go in peace. **AMEN.**²

¹ *Call to Worship* written by Shelley Cunningham. Accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1670/worship-elements-october-1-2017>.

² *Benediction* written by Nancy Townley. Accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1606/worship-connection-september-27-2020>

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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)

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Mullan Road Elementary – Volunteer Opportunity

We have been asked by the school administrators at Mullan Road if we can provide some volunteers to help with distribution of lunches and school materials/packets every weekday to students in the apartment complexes on 55th Avenue. Volunteers would also connect with the families to find out if they have any needs to be shared with their student's teacher or other staff/administrators. The time-frame is somewhat flexible, but approximately Noon-1:30pm (it could be slightly earlier or slightly later). Volunteers would need to be able to make deliveries to upstairs apartments. They're hoping to find volunteers to do this every day, but it doesn't have to be the same person(s) each day.

Please contact Jacque Davis if you would like to volunteer for this important need at (509)448-7102 or moranumc3601@live.com

Shalom Ministries is in need of disposable masks.

Fall Clean-Up

The Trustees ask if you would join them in a grounds clean-up at the church **Saturday, October 3rd starting at 10:00am**. This is a general clean-up tree trimming, raking, leaf clean-up. No heavy lifting work. Tools will be provided. If you have gloves you might bring them. The more of us that show up, the less we each have to do. We will follow guidelines for COVID-19 safety; please bring a mask.

Thanks in advance from the Trustees!

Children's and Youth Virtual Sunday School Continues!

We are so excited to begin our Fall Sunday School program, even though it will look very different this year from any year before. Videos will be posted each Sunday morning from your Sunday School teachers as they lead you in Bible stories, crafts, and other activities. Since the videos will be 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

Beginning on **Sunday, September 27th**, we will be offering a Children's Zoom Hangout every other week at 1pm, during our Children's Moment time. On the opposite weeks, we will have our Children's Moment via Facebook Live.

September 27th: Children's Zoom Hangout

October 4th: Children's Moment on Facebook Live

October 11th: Children's Zoom Hangout

October 18th: Children's Moment on Facebook Live

October 25th: Children's Zoom Hangout

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

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Pastor Cody's Paternity Leave

Pastor Cody is on paternity leave through Sunday, October 11th. If you have an immediate concern and need pastoral care, both Rev. Barbara Caviezel and Rev. Betty Smith will be available on-call. Pastor Barbara will be the primary contact and can be reached at (509)999-0418. If she is unavailable, please call Pastor Betty at (509)467-0786. For Prayer Chain requests, please contact Jeanie Cook at (509)448-8522 or email cooks_den@msn.com.

Questions about regular church ministries and programming can be directed to Jacque Davis, our Administrative Assistant, at (509)448-7102 or moranumc3601@live.com. Jacque will be in the office every Monday from 10am-1pm, and will be checking and responding to voicemails and emails regularly. All of our planned programming outlined in our September Newsletter will continue as planned, with the exception of Monday Vespers and Holy Communion, which will take place only on September 7th, and Tuesday morning Coffee With The Pastor.

Any other questions or concerns can be directed to the Co-Chairs of the Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Mark Kamitomo and Dennis Kifer.

Mark Kamitomo	(509)710-7370	mark@markamgrp.com
Dennis Kifer	(509)534-9584	kiferacct89@msn.com

Mission Monday Drive-Through

Mondays from 10-11am at Moran UMC

School Supplies, Shalom, & Second Harvest

We invite you to drop off any donations you have for Shalom Ministries, Secodn 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

- We celebrate that Alia Smith's test and monitoring for atrial fibrillation have come back showing nothing of concern.
- For Bob and Jeanie Cook's granddaughter, Gracie, who is grieving her dad, Dave who passed away unexpectedly on September 18th. We pray for comfort for Gracie, her mother Shana, and Dave's parents and family.
- For the Wilson family, friends of the Berry family, who lost a foster placement that they had hoped would lead to an adoption.
- For Harry Burcalow, whose vision has improved, but is still working with doctors to find and address the cause of his double vision.
- For all who have been impacted by severe flooding in the southeastern United States from Hurricane Sally, as well as the continued response to the devastation of Hurricane Laura.
- For the wildfires and wildfire recovery throughout the western United. For those who have lost homes and lives, for those facing evacuations, and the firefighters working to put the fires out.
- For Caden, Jeanie Cook's nephew, who is making progress in his recovery from recent surgeries and bleeding.
- For continued healing and strength for Kim Newman, Dennis Rainey, Jeff Johnson, Richard Smith, and Pastor Barbara Caviezel.
- For Karen Tauscher as she continues her cancer treatments.
- For Baby Jack's continued strength and recovery, and for his family as they care for him.
- 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.