

# Moran United Methodist Church

September 5, 2021 – Fifteenth 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 virtually 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

Elizabeth Williams, Liturgist

Surprising God, you have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where we least expect you: in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy, in a livestock feed trough, on a rough wooden cross, in tumult and chaos. Turn our lives upside down with your radical love. Help us fully embrace your surprises, even as we revel in the joy of being fully embraced by your all-encompassing grace and mercy. We pray this in the name of your most amazing surprise of all: your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

## \* Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

Janice Wrhel, with Crystal and Cody Natland

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still by my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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 watching on Facebook. Prayer requests can also be emailed to Pastor Cody at [PastorNatland@gmail.com](mailto: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** "You Never Let Go" Janice Wrhel, with Crystal and Cody Natland

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
 Your perfect love is casting out fear  
 And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life  
 I won't turn back, I know you are near

*Pre-Chorus:* And I will fear no evil for my God is with me  
 And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?  
 Whom then shall I fear?

*Chorus:* Oh no You never let go through the calm and through the storm  
 Oh no You never let go in every high and every low  
 Oh no You never let go  
 Lord You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on  
 A glorious light beyond all compare  
 And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes  
 We'll live to know you here on the earth

*Pre-Chorus and Chorus*

*Bridge:* Yes I can see a the light hat is coming for the heart that holds on  
 And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes,  
 Still I will praise You  
 Still I will praise You

*Chorus*

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**Scripture**

Elizabeth Williams, Liturgist

***Psalm 149 (NRSV)***

Praise the LORD!  
 Sing to the LORD a new song,  
 his praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
 Let Israel be glad in its Maker;  
 let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.  
 Let them praise his name with dancing,  
 making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.  
 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
 he adorns the humble with victory.  
 Let the faithful exult in glory;  
 let them sing for joy on their couches.  
 Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
 and two-edged swords in their hands,  
 to execute vengeance on the nations  
 and punishment on the peoples,  
 to bind their kings with fetters  
 and their nobles with chains of iron,  
 to execute on them the judgment decreed.  
 This is glory for all his faithful ones.  
 Praise the LORD!

**Exodus 3:1-14 (NRSV)**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**\* Hymn**

"Here I Am, Lord"

Joanne Brown

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,  
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save  
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:* Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

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## 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](http://www.moranumc.org/give), or by mailing your gift to the church at 3601 E 65<sup>th</sup> Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.*

### \* Song

"The Table"

Janice Wrhel

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore at His table (repeat)

*Chorus:* Come all you weary, come and find  
His yoke is easy, His burden is light  
He is able, He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore at His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

*Chorus*

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## Holy Communion

*Those who are worshipping outdoors should have received pre-packaged communion elements at the welcome tables where they received their bulletins. For those joining us virtually, we invite you to gather the elements for Holy Communion as we celebrate the Lord's extensive, welcoming table. The traditional elements are bread and grape juice/wine, but you are welcome to substitute whatever elements are available to you (water, juice, crackers, etc).*

## Benediction

Rev. Cody Natland

By the provision of God, we have been equipped to walk through the wilderness this day and the days ahead. Go into this world confident in Christ's love and God's eternal presence with you. Go be a witness for good and a bearer of peace to all you meet. Go in peace! AMEN.

## Postlude

Joanne Brown

<sup>1</sup> *Opening Prayer modified from words written by Laura Jacquith Bartlett, accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5329/worship-elements-august-30-2020>.*

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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)

## Grieving the Loss of a Church Family Member

It is with sadness that I share that our beloved sister in Christ, **Jane Bates**, passed away peacefully in her sleep around 4:00am today. Throughout her journey on hospice care, Jane's faith in God remained strong and she felt very ready for God to receive her into eternal rest. Please keep Jane's family in your prayers as they grieve her passing and celebrate her life. May God give all who grieve the gift of peace that passes all understanding, and comfort in the promise of eternal life.

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### Weekly Outdoor Worship Services (Weather Permitting)

Sundays at 10:30am on the lawn at Moran UMC & Virtual 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 for weather warnings issued by the National Weather Service; air quality cancellations will be made when the AQI is above 100 in our area as reported by the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency.*

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### 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](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch)

Connect via Zoom (computer/tablet/smartphone: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/97155799598>)

Connect via Phone (home phone, landline, cell phone):

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### Pub Theology -- Tuesdays at 6pm on Zoom

Join by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/794159957>

Connect via Phone (home phone, landline, cell phone):

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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 the **family of Jane Bates**, who passed away on Tuesday morning.
- Jane Bates' daughter, **Valerie**, is no longer under evacuation order and has been able to return to her home.
- For the people of **Haiti** as they recover from an earthquake.
- For the people of **Afghanistan** as they face violence, oppression, and instability.
- For all recovering from the impact of **Hurricane Ida** across the southern and eastern US.
- For the **family of Sheri**, Dennis and Jana Kifer's niece, who passed away last week.
- For **Kay Chinen**, Penny Herold's sister-in-law, who has entered hospice care.
- For **Ardis Storms**, who is recovering at home from recent illness.
- For **Joanne Brown**, who has been having weakness due to low blood pressure.
- For **Gerald Bertram**, who is recovering from pancreas surgery and awaiting biopsy results.
- For **Mickey Kendall**, Scott Kendall's brother, **and his family** who lost their home in the Caldor Wildfire in California.
- 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 **Troy**, Priscilla Bowen's son-in-law, awaiting surgery to remove kidney stones.
- 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 **Shirley and Roger**, step-mother and father of Sally Rainey's friend **Kerri**.
- 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 **Bill**, Harriet Van Wyck's childhood friend's brother, with terminal cancer.
- 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 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.