

# Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

January 1, 2023 – New Year’s Day – *Covenant Renewal Service*

**Gathering Music**

Betsy Pletscher

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor Alissa Amestoy

**\*Opening Hymn** “Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine” – UMH #606

**\*Opening Prayer**

**O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Litany of Thanksgiving**

*Pastor Alissa: In gratitude...*

**Response: We praise your holy name, O God.**

**\*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri - UMH #70**

**Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34**

C.J. Amestoy

**Responsive Hymn** “Wonderful Words of Life” – UMH #600 (vs. 1 only)

**Epistle Reading – 1 Peter 1**

Kay Fischer

**Responsive Hymn** “Wonderful Words of Life” – UMH #600 (vs. 2 only)

**Gospel Lesson – John 15:1-8**

Linda Hansen

This is the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Hymn** “Wonderful Words of Life” – UMH #600 (vs. 3 only)

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory & \*Doxology**

UMH #95

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Proclamation & Invitation**

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants....Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

**Let me be your servant, under your command.**

**I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will in all things.**

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

**Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands:**

**put me to doing, put me to suffering,**

**let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,**

**let me be full, let me be empty,**

**let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.**

**Wesley Covenant Renewal Prayer** (please turn over your bulletin)

**\*Closing Hymn** “God of the Ages” – UMH #698

**\*Sending Forth**

**Sending Forth Music**

Wesley Covenant Renewal Prayer

**O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I fall down before you.  
Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will,  
for you have promised mercy to me if I turn to you with my whole heart.**

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

**I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all,  
covenanting with you that no known sin shall be allowed in my life.**

**Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world.**

**In your power I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from you.**

**For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand before you.**

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would let him.

**Before all heaven and earth, I here acknowledge you as my Lord and God.**

**I take you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as  
your servant, to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.**

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way and means of coming to God.

**Jesus, I do here in humility accept Christ as the only new and living Way,  
and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him.**

**O blessed Jesus, I come to you, hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked,  
unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants.**

**I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head.**

**I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that you are the Lord, my righteousness.**

**I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide.**

**I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.**

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

**I do here covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you as it may fall.**

**Through your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from you.**

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

**I do here willingly put my neck under your yoke, to carry your burden.**

**All your laws are holy, just, and good.**

**I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions,  
promising that I will strive to order my whole life according to your direction,  
and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.**

The almighty God searches and knows your heart.

**O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today without guile or reservation.**

**If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright.**

**And now, glory be to you, O God the Father,**

**whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father.**

**Glory be to you, O God the Son, who have loved me and washed me from my sins in your own blood,  
and now is my Savior and Redeemer.**

**Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit,**

**who by your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God.**

**O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
you have now become my Covenant Friend.**

**And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant.**

**So be it. And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

**SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_**

**DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**