## **Spokane Valley United Methodist Church**

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Seventh Sunday of Pentecost - *Open Your Heart* Summer Worship Series *Thank you for joining us for worship today! We invite you to sign in on our attendance pads which will be passed out during the Greeting Time. (\* indicates "Please rise in body or spirit")* 

**Gathering Music** 

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (setting by A. Miller)

**Betsy Pletscher** 

Welcome

Pastor Alissa

\*Call to Worship

Mike Lambert

Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable, and the voices all around us disparage and criticize our bodies as weak and worthless, God calls to us, saying:

Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our drive for full independence, God calls to us, saying:

Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

When we feel shame because we need help,

and the deep vulnerability of our needs pierces our hearts, God calls to us, saying:

Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

Listen! Pay attention! God calls to us in our weakness, not to erase our frailties or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us *Beloved* in the fullness of who we are.

May we open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness in our weakness and the power in the strength of God's love for all of God's vulnerable creation.

\*Opening Hymn

"Gather Us In" - TFWS #2236

**Opening Prayer** 

Announcements

Traditional Choir

"His Love Is Flowing Like a River" (Jill Gallina)

Luke Henderson

\*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri

**UMH #70** 

**Epistle** 2 Corinthians 12:2 - 10 (NRSVA)

Mike Lambert

Message

"In Weakness and In Strength"

Pastor Alissa

\*Hymn of Response

"In Unity We Lift Our Song" - TFWS #2221

**Invitation to the Offering** 

Offertory

"Day by Day" (Ahnfelt/Bock)

\*Doxology UMH #95

**Offering Prayer** 

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Alissa & Mike Lambert

(Follow along with the call and response on the screen)

**Receiving the Elements** 

**Music During Communion** 

"The Lone, Wild Bird" - TFWS #2052 "His Eye is on the Sparrow" - TFWS #2146

**Prayer after Communion** 

\*Sending Forth

**Sending Forth Music** 

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee" (setting by E. Rocherolle)

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# Sunday News

July 7th, 2024

9:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am

10:10 am

Worship Children's Sunday School Nursery Coffee Chat Sanctuary Room 210 Nursery Fellowship Hall

### **News and Announcements**

**Mission Community Outreach Center is hosting its 14**th **annual Shoe Drive this month!** Athletic shoes and socks for little ones ranging from Toddler 8 – Adult 12 are needed. Bring your donations to the Connect Desk through July 28th. Also remember to save the date for distribution at Steven's Elementary on August 16th!

**Next week, July 14**th, **join us for a United Women in Faith Sunday!** Guest Speaker Rhondalei Gabuat, Executive Assistant to Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth, will be with us, and the service will be led by some fantastic women in our congregation. You won't want to miss it!

## This Week

07/08 Monday

10:00 am Prayer Shawl 3:30 pm Nancy Larson small group

07/09 Tuesday

07/10 Wednesday

**07/11 Thursday** 9:00 am Thursday Crew

**07/13 Saturday** 10:00 am Choir

#### 07/14 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service Liturgist: United Women in Faith

9:00 am Children's Sunday School and Nursery 10:00 am Coffee Chat: United Women in Faith



**SVUMC Giving QR Code** 

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church is here to invite people to follow Jesus, love one another, and transform the greater community through the grace of God.

Love is the Spirit at Spokane Valley UMC – we are a weapons-free and drug-free community. Thank you for abiding by this policy and helping to make our church a safe space for all.