

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 28th, 2025 – Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost – Heart of Neighboring 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 Choir Hymn. (indicates "Please rise in body or spirit")*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Pastor Alissa

*Call to Worship

Betsy Pletscher

Every day we are called to love the Lord our God.

Every day we are called to love with all our heart and soul.

Every day we are called to love the Lord our God.

Every day we are called to love with all our mind and strength.

Every day we are called to love the Lord our God.

Every day we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Every day, and especially this day, as we celebrate National Good Neighbor Day, we are called to love the Lord our God.

Yes, every day, but especially this day,

as we celebrate National Good Neighbor Day,

we are called to embrace the heart of God and the heart of neighboring!

*Opening Hymn

"Father, We Have Heard You Calling" – W&S #3150

Opening Prayer & Announcements

Pastor Alissa

Special Music

Lift Your Light (Mary MacDonald)

*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34 (NRSVA)

Betsy Pletscher

Message

"Taking the Great Commandment Seriously"

Pastor Alissa

*Hymn of Response

"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" – TFWS #2237

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Alissa

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer

Pastor Alissa

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Follow along with the words onscreen.

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.

Good Neighboring Homework – Good Neighbor Day Events & Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt

*Closing Hymn

"We All Are One in Mission" – TFWS #2243

*Benediction

Pastor Alissa

*Sending Forth Music

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SUNDAY NEWS

September 28

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the final Sunday to collect items for Shalom Ministries, including coffee (ground or whole bean), juice boxes, sugar (brown or white), honey, and pancake syrup. You can bring any items you wish to donate to the Connect Desk.

Good Neighbor Day Walk Today is Good Neighbor Day! Join us at 4:00 pm at the church for a scavenger hunt and walk around the neighborhood. Adults are invited to dinner at 45 Degrees Brewhouse at 4:30 pm; the youth will have a pizza party at the church.

Pastor Alissa will be gone through October 1st for the Gathering of the Order. She will be back in office Monday, October 6th.

The next Heavenly Hikers adventure will be on October 1st. We'll head to Saltese Flats for a, well, flat hike. We will meet at 8 AM (not 7 AM) at the Saltese Flats Trailhead parking lot, and depart at 8:15. This is approximately a 4 mile loop on flat terrain around the Saltese Wetlands and will circle a lake where we may see waterfowl. The trail is exposed (no tree cover) and we'll have plenty of sunshine assuming it is not cloudy. There is a port-a-potty in the parking area. Pets on a leash are OK. Directions and trail maps are at <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/saltese-flats-wetland>. No passes are required to park in the parking lot. Contact Brian Hoyt (brian.alan.hoyt@gmail.com, 602-376-0612) if you have questions.

Get ready to dance, laugh, and sweat in Zumba class on Wednesday, September 3 from 6-7pm! Zumba instructor Shanda Blunt will lead an hour-long class in the chapel. Come check it out!

Trick or Treat! Bring wrapped candy to the Connect Desk for Broadway Elementary's Fall Fest! Sign up to help with games and activities at this event.

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church is here to invite people to follow Jesus, love others, 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.*

THIS WEEK

9/29 Monday

9:30 am Shirley Small Group

10/1 Wednesday

9:30 am Disciple 3
10:00 am Walkers

10/2 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew
10:00 am Marlene Small Group
1:00 pm Lois Small Group

10/4 Saturday

10:00 am Choir Practice

10/5 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Chris Reiber
Communion Servers: Norm & Lois Cwiek, Susan Henderson, Susan Ingalls
10:00 am Coffee Chat
United Women in Faith
10:30 am Adult Sunday School

If you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team, fill out one of the cards in the pews and either place it in the plate on the back table or pass it to an usher when they come by during the choir anthem.



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