

# SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Second Sunday in Epiphany – *On A Mission to Love Others 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**      The Resting-Place on a Hill and A Lincoln Portrait (Aaron Copland)      Betsy Pletscher

**Welcome**      Pastor Alissa

**\*Call to Worship**      Kay Fischer

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

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We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message that God's love redeems us and sends us forth to extend God's love and justice to all.

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Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here.

Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

**We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn**      "Gather Us In" – TFWS #2236

**God Speaks Through the Psalmist**      Psalm 19:7-14      Pastor Alissa

## **Announcements**

**Special Music**      Precious Lord, Take My Hand (Tommy Dorsey)      Kiyah Young-Wilson

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

**Gospel Reading**      Luke 4:14-21 (NRSVA)      Kay Fischer

**Message**      "Extending God's Justice"      Pastor Alissa

**\*Hymn of Response**      "What Does the Lord Require of You?" – TFWS #2174

**Ministry that Matters Moment:** The Fig Tree – E. WA Legislative Conference

**Invitation to the Offering**      Pastor Alissa

**Offertory**      Balm in Gilead (African-American Spiritual)      Betsy Pletscher

**\*Doxology**      UMH #95

**\*Offering Prayer**      Pastor Alissa

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**      Pastor Alissa

*Follow along with the words on the screen.*

**\*Closing Hymn**      "For the Healing of Nations" – UMH #428

**\*Sending Forth**      Pastor Alissa

**Sending Forth Music**      Just a Closer Walk With Thee (setting by John Carter)

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8 am – 2 pm F

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# SUNDAY NEWS

## January 19, 2025

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery
10:10 am	Coffee Chat	Fellowship Hall

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This quarter we are collecting paper products for Naomi again!** Bring paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues to the Connect Desk January 19 and 26. Questions? See the Connect Desk.

**If you are feeling God's nudge to explore ministry opportunities,** consider Lay Servant Ministries! Classes will be offered on Zoom during the first part of 2025, including courses on Lay Pastoral Care Giving, Leading Public Prayer, and Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts. You can find more information on BeADisciple.com or talk to Pastor Alissa.

**The office will be closed** Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. If you would like to join Pastor Alissa and other local United Methodists at the MLK Rally & March at 10am downtown by Riverfront Park, please let Pastor Alissa know after worship today.

**Hot chocolate, marshmallows, and good friends** = a recipe for a perfect morning! Join us for a special Hot Chocolate Coffee Chat after the service on Sunday, January 26!

**The Washington Legislative Conference** will be held at our church and is an opportunity to fundraise for Mission & Service. All money raised at this event will help support our financial commitment for our covenant relationship with missionary Katherine Parker in Nepal. Sign up today to help set up tables and rooms, prepare food and cookies, greet in the parking lot and hallways, serve lunch, and help clean up after.

**Pastor Alissa is headed to Morocco February 4-24** for vacation and renewal! Sue Magrath will lead worship, provide pastoral care, and work with church leadership during that time.

**Opportunity to serve!** Our A/V Co-Coordinators, Lexi and Logan, are seeking volunteers to join our Technical Ministries Team to help with the worship slideshow on Sundays. Minimal computer skills required as training is provided and the task, once learned, is quite simple! If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Lexi: lexianne032@gmail.com.

*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

## 1/20 Monday

Office closed for MLK Day

## 1/21 Tuesday

10:00 am Touched by  
Cancer Meeting  
2:30 pm Finance Meeting  
6:00 pm Coordinating  
Council

## 1/22 Wednesday

10:00 am Walkers  
6:00 pm Discipleship 2

## 1/23 Thursday

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

## 1/25 Saturday

10:00 am Choir Practice

## 1/26 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service  
Liturgist: Ann Holmquist  
9:00 am Children's Sunday  
School and Nursery  
10:00 am Coffee Chat  
Huddle  
10:30 am Adult Sunday  
School



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