

# Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Lent 1 – *Witness at the Cross 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** "Prelude in F" (J.S. Bach)

**Welcome**

Sue Magrath

**\*Call to Witness**

Chris Reiber

God's people have been called to witness.

**From those who stand at the sidelines to those at the heart of the action,  
all are welcome to the foot of the cross.**

God's people have been called to be reconciled to our God.

**From those who feel vulnerable in the crowd,  
to those whose power blinds them to the truth,  
all are welcome to turn back to God.**

God's people have been called to repent and change their hearts.

**From those who hide in the shadows full of fear,  
to those whose speak bold words of anger,  
all are welcome to receive the mercy of God.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" - UMH #269

**Prayer of Confession** - based on Psalm 22:1-2, 6-8

Sue Magrath

*...At the foot of the cross, we witness that the Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. Through Christ, you are forgiven.*

**Through Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

**Announcements**

Sue Magrath

**Choir Anthem** "Come, Touch the Robe" – Choplin

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

**Gospel Readings** – Mark 15:29-32 & John 19:19-22 (NRSVA)

Chris Reiber

**Message** "Bystanders & Scoffers"

Sue Magrath

**Hymn of Response** "Change My Heart, O God" - TFWS #2152

**Invitation to the Offering**

Sue Magrath

**Offertory** "I Am Thine, O Lord" (...Draw me nearer...)

**\*Doxology** UMH #95

**\*Offering Prayer**

Sue Magrath

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Sue Magrath

*...Help us, dear God, to know that you forgive these things, and give us strength to resist them in the future. Lord,  
hear our prayer.*

Help us, dear God, to answer your call to feed the hungry, to seek justice, to keep each other safe, and to defend the vulnerable. Lord,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray all these things to you in the name of Jesus, who taught us to come to you saying,

**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.**

**Closing Hymn** "Help Us Accept Each Other" - UMH #560

**Sending Forth**

Sue Magrath

**Sending Forth Music** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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# Sunday News

February 26th, 2023

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery
10:00 am	Youth Sunday School	Youth Room
11:00 am/12:00 pm	Youth Group	Youth Room

## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**This week we start our Spokane Valley Partners Food Drive—February 19, 26 and March 5**

“Hunger Is on the Rise— But Together We Can Help Families in Need”

Items especially needed:

Granola Bars, Applesauce, Fruit Cups, Fruit snack, Fruit rollups, Ramen, Cup of Noodles, Oatmeal, Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Pop top canned soup, Pop top canned fruit, Pop top canned beans and chili, Pop top Canned meat (spam, tuna, etc.)

**The Staff Parish Relations Team is seeking applications for the Coordinator of Youth Ministry.** Please contact Carol Hickman, Team Leader, for information on this job opening (509) 924-2881.

**Broadway Teachers Soup and Salad Luncheon—March 28<sup>th</sup>,** If you would like to help, by bringing a pot of soup, a salad or cookies, Sign up at the Connect Desk Sundays—March 26

## Prayer Requests

### Margie Collin, Prayer Team Leader

If you would like a prayer sent to the Prayer Team, a joy or a concern, please take a prayer card from the pew racks, or the card basket in the back. The ushers will receive the cards early in the service. Prayer Requests can also be made by sending an email to prayer\_svumc@yahoo.com or by phone at 509-922-8371

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# This Week

## 02/27 Monday

9:30 a.m. Shirley Small Group rm 115  
10:00 a.m. Walkers  
11:00 a.m. Quilting rm 125  
11:15 a.m. Barbara Soran Small Group

## 02/28 Tuesday

## 03/01 Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Disciple 5 Meeting rm 115  
10:00 a.m. Walkers

## 03/02 Thursday

9:00 a.m. Thursday Crew  
1:00 p.m. Lois Small Group Ministries FPR  
3:00 p.m. Marlene Small Group Ministries FPR

## 03/04 Saturday

9:00 a.m. Bells Practice  
10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

## 03/05 Sunday

Liturgist Reader:  
Georgette Rogers  
9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School and Nursery  
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School  
10:10 a.m. Coffee Chat:  
Choir  
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
11:00/12:00 p.m. Youth Group

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