

# Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

*The Path of the Disciple: Searching for the Face of God*

*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 and Variations" R. Vandall

## Welcome

Pastor Alissa

## \*Call to Worship

Rev. Barbara Caviezel

We are all invited to God's nearness in Jesus Christ.

**We know Jesus is God's grace for the life of the world.**

We look for grace revealed in our togetherness and in the lives those beyond our church walls.

**We know our together life in Christ is never gated or exclusive.**

In every place, we discover what it means to be faithful – with you – to make all things new.

**And we hear your invitation to help heal and repair  
the world's shattered wholeness.**

## Opening Hymn

"What Gift Can We Bring" - UMH #87

## Opening Prayer

Pastor Alissa

## Announcements

Pastor Alissa

## Traditional Choir

"Come to the Banquet" - Martin

Luke Henderson

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

## Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (NRSVA)

Rev. Barbara Caviezel

This is the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

"Discovering the Gift"

Bruce Butler

## \*Hymn of Response

"Many Gifts, One Spirit" - UMH #114

## Mission Moment - Shalom Ministries

Rev. Barbara Caviezel

## Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Alissa

## Offertory

"Lord, Who's Love In Humble Service" arr. Mark Sedio

## \*Doxology

UMH #95

## \*Offering Prayer

Pastor Alissa

## Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Bruce Butler

**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

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" - TFWS #2153

## \*Sending Forth

Bruce Butler

## Sending Forth Music

"Guide My Feet" traditional American gospel song

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# Sunday News

September 17th, 2023

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery
10:45 am	Confirmation Class	Youth Room

## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Attention Bakers!** We are looking for help to fill the freezer for the fall. If you would like to bring in cookies, please bring them to the office hours.

**Outdoor Church Clean up Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>**, join us outside as we work to clean up the church.

**Our 55+ Luncheon starts again Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> at noon**, Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Butternut Squash & Apple Soup Turkey and Swiss Cheese Sandwich and dessert. There is also a program from Feast World Kitchen with Presenter Maisa Abudayha, Executive Director.

### Weekly Confirmation Class and Mentoring Opportunity

Our Youth Confirmation Class is underway! We meet Sundays in the Youth Room after worship 10:45am - 12pm and all Middle School and High School Youth are welcome! To help our youth grow as disciples, and in light of Pastor Alissa being on spiritual renewal leave in October, we are seeking mature disciples to sign up to join our class for a week at a time to offer Christian mentorship - no theological expertise or Biblical knowledge required! Sign up at the Ministry Fair today or at the Connect Desk. Contact Pastor Alissa for more information: alissaamestoy@gmail.com or 509-879-2278

### Senior Lunch, Sunday, October 1, Crimson Hearth, 11003 East Sprague.

We will have a table upstairs and one downstairs. Please note new time: Gather at 11:45, order at 12 noon. Reservations are a must. Please sign up at the Ministry Fair today or next Sunday at the Welcome Center.

### Technical Ministries Training Opportunity - Saturday, Oct. 14 12-2pm

Our Technical Ministries Coordinator, Nate Dunigan, will be conducting an open training workshop on October 14th from 12:00 to 2:00 to teach members of our congregation how to operate the technology needed for Sunday Worship, Memorial Services, and special events. Because this is such a vital part of our worship experience and commitment to accessibility, it is imperative that we have a team of trained substitutes for when Nate is not available. No experience necessary and no commitment of future service required to attend. For those who take the training, there will be opportunities on following Sundays to shadow Nate and get comfortable with the procedures. Additionally, there will be a \$100 honorarium offered for your time should you serve as a substitute for Nate. **Please put this on your calendar and sign up at the Connect Desk!**

### 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

### 09/25 Monday

9:30 a.m. Shirley Small  
Group Rm 115  
10:00 a.m. Walkers  
3:30 p.m. Nancy Larson  
Small Group

### 09/26 Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Huddle  
10:00 a.m. Walkers

### 09/27 Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Disciple 6  
3:00 p.m. Marlene Small  
Group FPR  
6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible  
Study

### 09/28 Thursday

9:00 a.m. Thursday Crew  
10:00 a.m. Walkers  
12:00 p.m. 55+ Luncheon

### 09/29 Friday

10:00 a.m. Grief and Healing  
Nancy Ashworth

### 09/30 Saturday

9:00 a.m. Bell Practice  
9:00 a.m. Outdoor Church  
Clean-Up  
10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

### 10/01 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday  
School and Nursery  
10:10 a.m. Coffee Chat  
Rachel Circle  
10:45 a.m. Confirmation  
Class