

# Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany – *Greater Gifts 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** "Oh, Sing to the Lord" (hymn tune Cantad al Señor)

**Welcome**

Pastor Alissa

**\*Call to Worship** - from 1 Corinthians 13 (adapted using *The Message* Translation)

Kyndal Gebhart

Love never gives up.

Love cares more for others than for self.

Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

Love doesn't strut.

Love doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others.

Love is never "me first,"

Love doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others,  
doesn't revel when others grovel.

Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth.

Love puts up with anything, trusts God always.

Love always looks for the best.

Love never looks back, but keeps going to the end.

Love never dies.

We are waiting to unite fully with the one great love,  
until then we have faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love.

Let us choose love!

**Opening Hymn**

"Gift of Love" - UMH #408

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Alissa

**Announcements**

**Choir Anthem**

"Dwelling in Beulah Land" by C. A. Miles

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

**Scripture** – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSVA)

Kyndal Gebhart

**Message**

"The Greater Gift: Love"

Pastor Alissa

**Hymn of Response**

"How Can We Name A Love" - UMH #111 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

**Invitation to the Offering**

Pastor Alissa

**Offertory**

"If We Only Have Love" (Jacques Brel)

**\*Doxology**

UMH #95

**\*Offering Prayer**

Pastor Alissa

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Alissa

**Closing Hymn**

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" - TFWS #2223

**Sending Forth**

Pastor Alissa

**Sending Forth Music**

"Toccata on Love Divine" (hymn tune Beecher)

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# Sunday News

## February

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.)

**Join us for Sue McGrath will be preaching on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>, while Pastor Alissa is away that week.**

**Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.** Join Pastor Alissa and Sue McGrath in the Chapel for our Ash Wednesday Service.

**55 Plus Luncheon Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 p.m.** Our 55+ Luncheon speaker is Sonia Bertsch! who will be sharing a presentation on the 99th "Viking" Infantry Battalion from WWII, a Norwegian-American Army winter combat unit.

**Our Lent Study Books are officially for sale, the book will be for sale at the Connect Desk for a suggested donation of \$12.50** everyone is encouraged to join our All-Church Lenten Study of Amy-Jill Levine's book. "Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday." To go deeper in the study we recommend joining one of our small groups or attending Adult Sunday School after worship.

**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.

### 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](mailto:prayer_svumc@yahoo.com) or by phone at 509-922-8371

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## Connect Desk

Thank you to all who brought items for the Naomi Paper Drive!

## This Week

### 02/20 Monday Office Closed

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

### 02/21 Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Huddle

### 02/22 Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Disciple 5 Meeting rm 115  
10:00 a.m. Walkers  
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service Chapel

### 02/23 Thursday

9:00 a.m. Thursday Crew  
12:00 p.m. 55 Plus Luncheon  
1:00 p.m. Lois Small Group Ministries FPR  
3:00 p.m. Marlene Small Group Ministries FPR

### 02/25 Saturday

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

### 02/26 Sunday

Liturgist Reader:  
Chris Reiber  
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:  
Georgianne Cheney  
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
11:00/12:00 p.m. Youth Group