

# Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost *Go & Do Likewise Stewardship 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** Selections from the musical "Godspell"

**Welcome & Introduction to the Bishop's M.I.L.E.**

Pastor Alissa

**\*Call to Worship**

Linda Hanson

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

**We are the salt of the earth.**

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

**We are the light of the world.**

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

**The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

**Come, let us love one another with the love of God.**

**Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Come, Let Us with our Lord Arise" – TFWS #2084

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Alissa

**Announcements**

Pastor Alissa

**Traditional Choir**

Luke Henderson

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

**Gospel Reading** – Luke 10:25-37 (The Voice)

Narrator (Piano - Pastor Alissa), Scholar (Center – Laurie Harmon), and Jesus (Pulpit - Linda Hanson)

**Narrator:** Just then a scholar of the Hebrew Scriptures tried to trap Jesus.

**Scholar:** Teacher, what must I do to experience the eternal life?

**Jesus:** What is written in the Hebrew Scriptures? How do you interpret their answer to your question?

**Scholar:** You shall love - "love the Eternal One your God with everything you have: all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind" - and "love your neighbor as yourself."

**Jesus:** Perfect. Your answer is correct. Follow these commands and you will live.

**Narrator:** The scholar was frustrated by this response because he was hoping to make himself appear smarter than Jesus.

**Scholar:** Ah, but who is my neighbor?

**Jesus:** This fellow was traveling down from Jerusalem to Jericho when some robbers mugged him. They took his clothes, beat him to a pulp, and left him naked and bleeding and in critical condition. By chance, a priest was going down that same road, and when he saw the wounded man, he crossed over to the other side and passed by. Then a Levite who was on his way to assist in the temple also came and saw the victim lying there, and he too kept his distance. Then a despised Samaritan journeyed by. When he saw the fellow, he felt compassion for him. The Samaritan went over to him, stopped the bleeding, applied some first aid, and put the poor fellow on his donkey. He brought the man to an inn and cared for him through the night. The next day, the Samaritan took out some money - two days' wages to be exact - and paid the innkeeper, saying, "Please take care of this fellow, and if this isn't enough, I'll repay you next time I pass through." Which of these three proved himself a neighbor to the man who had been mugged by the robbers?

**Scholar:** The one who showed mercy to him.

**Jesus:** Well then, go and behave like that Samaritan.

This is the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Introduction to the Message**

Pastor Alissa

**Message**

"L is for Lay Ministry Enhancement"

Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth

**\*Hymn of Response**

"Here I am, Lord" – UMH #593

**Invitation to the Offering**

Pastor Alissa

**Offertory**

Duet for violin and piano (Luke and Betsy)

**\*Doxology**

UMH #95

**\*Offering Prayer**

Pastor Alissa

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Alissa

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" – UMH #438 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**\*Sending Forth**

Pastor Alissa

**Sending Forth Music**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" (Chisholm/Runyan)

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# Sunday News

November 19th, 2023

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

## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Four week All Church Advent reading book, EXPERIENCING CHRISTMAS, will be for sale in the Connect Desk on November 19th and 26th.** The suggested donation is \$13.50. It goes along with the sermons and if you are not already in a small group consider joining one for the four weeks. This gives you an opportunity to discuss the material with others and also to view the author, Matt Rawle's video. Note that a Zoom class will be offered on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. with Madelyn Bafus. The following groups would welcome you to do the study with them:

...Sunday School, 10:30 in Fireplace Room, Linda Hansen, 1-208-620-0158  
...Monday, 9:30-11:00 in Room 115 - Shirley Porter, 509-924-2830  
...Monday Evening 6:00-7:30 on ZOOM - Madelyn Bafus, 509-869-8213  
...Thursday, 11:00-12:30 in Fireplace Room -Marlene McCoy, 509-999-7240  
Any questions contact Shirley Porter, Lay Leader, 509-924-2830

**Reminder that next week is Consecration Sunday, you are invited to bring your 2024 Estimated Giving Forms to place in the offering plate.** if you need a copy of the Estimated Giving Forms there are extras at the Connect Desk.

**SUPPORTING EACH OTHER!** Feeling a little blue? Family relationships askew? Friendship waning? Grieving through the Holidays will meet Tuesdays, November 28th through December 19th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 115. We will use DVDs and handouts. (No book) Tears and laughter welcome. Nancy Ashworth, 509 993 9074

**Sign up to bring cookies or volunteer for the Broadway Ornament Night,** Sundays November 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup> — Broadway Ornament Night is December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm.

**Join us as we welcome Tom Pletcher November 26<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Chat for beautiful piano music.**

**Mission Community Outreach Center "Children's Christmas Joy" -** Collecting NEW Boys and Girl's jeans and tops (sizes 10 and 12) Sundays November 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Mission Community Outreach Center Benefit Breakfast on December 13<sup>th</sup>.** Sign up Sundays November 19th, 26th and December 3<sup>rd</sup> to help serve this breakfast.

**Save the Date for the Charge Conference on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:45am in the Fellowship Center after Coffee Chat.** All are welcome to attend, and Pre-Conference materials will be available on Sunday November 26th.

### 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

### 11/20 Monday

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

### 11/21 Tuesday

2:30 p.m. Finance Rm 115

### 11/22 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Walkers  
6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study

### 11/23 Thursday

9:00 a.m. Thursday Crew  
10:00 a.m. Walkers  
1:00 p.m. Lois Small Group  
3:00 p.m. Marlene Small Group  
**Office closed**

### 11/24 Friday

**Office closed**

### 11/25 Saturday

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

### 11/26 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
Liturgist: Kay Hurlbut  
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School and Nursery  
10:10 a.m. Coffee Chat Stewardship  
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School FPR  
10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class