

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

November 26th, 2023 – Twenty-sixth 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

Selected Contemporary Hymns

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

Pastor Alissa

***Call to Worship**

Kay Hurlbut

What does the Lord require of you?

**To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

What does God command of us?

**To love God with all our heart, and all our soul,
and all our mind, and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.

Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

***Opening Hymn**

“O God of Every Nation” – UMH #435 (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Opening Prayer

Pastor Alissa

Announcements

Pastor Alissa

Traditional Choir

Luke Henderson

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

Gospel Reading – Luke 10:25-37 (New Testament for Everyone Version)

Kay Hurlbut

Introduction to the Message

Pastor Alissa

Message

“E is for Eliminating Racism”

Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth

***Hymn of Response**

“What Does the Lord Require of You” – TFWS #2174

Invitation to the Offering & Dedicating Our 2024 Estimates of Giving

Pastor Alissa

Offertory

“Lord, Your Hands Have Formed This World” Philippine traditional

***Doxology**

UMH #95

***Litany of Dedication**

Pastor Alissa

Gracious and Loving God; Creator of all, the richness of the Earth
and all who live on it, belong to you.

You offer us the valuable gifts of time, talent, energy, money

**and all you ask of us is to use a faithful tithe of our resources to invest in your kingdom. With thanks and
praise we respond to your call this morning.**

We came this morning bringing the gifts that you have given to us,

understanding that we merely return your generosity and hope we can find ways to pay it forward.

Today, we offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours.

**We commit ourselves to being stewards of ministry that matters, to serving where we are
located, to engaging in leadership as laity, and to the elimination of racism.**

We ask your blessing on, this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

We ask that you bless and multiply the gifts we bring this morning,

our investment for the future, that these gifts may bear dividends in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Alissa

Closing Hymn

“Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine” – UMH #606

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music

“Oh, Sing to the Lord” Brazilian folk melody

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Sunday News

November 26th, 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

Join us today as we welcome Tom Pletcher during Coffee Chat for beautiful piano music.

The Four week All Church Advent reading book, EXPERIENCING CHRISTMAS, will be for sale in the Connect Desk on November 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

Second Annual Holy Pub Christmas Sing-along

Please join us on December 10th at:
45 Degree Brewhouse 10421 E. Sprague 2:00PM-3:30PM
Enjoy your favorite Holiday drink along with some great food while wearing your best Christmas outfit! Looking forward to another great time of Fellowship! **Must be 21 and over to attend this event.**

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

Save the Date for the Charge Conference on December 3rd 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 at the Connect desk and online on the Church website under "Connect".

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

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

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

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

This Week

11/27 Monday

9:30 a.m. Shirley Small Group Rm 115
10:00 a.m. Walkers
3:30 p.m. Nancy Larson Small Group
6:00 p.m. Madelyn Small Group Zoom

11/28 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Grieving through the Holidays Rm 115

11/29 Wednesday

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

11/30 Thursday

9:00 a.m. Thursday Crew
10:00 a.m. Walkers
11:00 a.m. Marlene Small Group FPR
1:00 p.m. Lois Small Group FPR

12/02 Saturday

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

12/03 Sunday

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