

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20th, 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost – *Love One Another 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 Choir Hymn. (indicates "Please rise in body or spirit")*

Gathering Music	From Suite Bergamasque (Claude Debussy)	Betsy Pletscher
Welcome		Pastor Alissa
*Call to Worship		Layla McClarty
We come to the table and see that Jesus is with us.		
Wherever two or three are gathered, his presence abides.		
What we see, as the disciples did, was Jesus serving others.		
And he asks us to do the same.		
Even, and perhaps especially, in times of distress, Jesus invites us to move toward others, not away.		
We are called to see those around us as Jesus sees them.		
As neighbors,		
As neighbors.		
Not "others."		
Not "others."		
*Opening Hymn	"Jesu, Jesu" – UMH #432	Quynh Parlane
Opening Prayer		Pastor Alissa
Announcements		
Traditional Choir	God, We Praise You for the Morning (J. Strathdee)	Betsy Pletscher
*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri	UMH #70	Betsy Pletscher
The peace of Christ be with you.		
And also with you.		
<i>At this time, Elementary-aged kids (1st-5th grade) are invited to meet our Sunday School teachers in the back if they would like to participate in Sunday School.</i>		
Gospel Reading	John 13:1-4a, 34-35 (The Inclusive Bible)	Layla McClarty
Message	"Love One Another"	Pastor Alissa
*Hymn of Response	"Whatever You Do" – W&S #3128	Quynh Parlane
Ministry that Matters: Shalom Ministries		Tim Dougherty
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Alissa
Offertory	The Little Shepherd (Claude Debussy)	Betsy Pletscher
*Doxology		
<i>Alternate lyrics set to UMH #94—follow along with the words onscreen.</i>		
*Offering Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Pastor Alissa
<i>Follow along with the words onscreen.</i>		
*Sending Hymn	"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" – TFWS #2223	Quynh Parlane
*Sending Forth		Pastor Alissa
Sending Forth Music	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (A. David)	Betsy Pletscher

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SUNDAY NEWS

September 20

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Room 202
10:30 am	Adult Sunday School	Room 115

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month at the Connect Desk, we'll be collecting winter clothing items for Shalom Ministries. You can bring new socks, gloves, hats, scarves, and men's and women's underwear, as well as new or gently used winter coats and blankets to the Connect Desk throughout September.

We need cookies for Coffee Chat! You can bring any kind you like to share—get creative with your cookies! Gluten free, low sugar, and sugar free cookies are also needed. For any questions, see Margie Manfred.

Church Council will gather today at 11 AM in the Chapel to receive Shawna Beese's call story and to vote on a recommendation for her candidacy. All are welcome to join, but only Church Council members will be able to vote.

September 20-28 is Good Neighbor Week, and we're excited to celebrate in style in conjunction with Opportunity Presbyterian Church, Mission Meadows Community Garden, and Neighbors Feeding Neighbors. We'll host a Longest Table event today from 4:30-7:00 pm in the church's courtyard. You can read more about The Longest Table in our newsletter. Wear your SVUMC shirts and invite your friends and family and bring a side or dessert to share; the church will provide a hot dish and drinks. On Tuesday, September 22, we'll gather at City Hall at 5:30 pm to hear another Good Neighbor Proclamation read at City Council. And on Friday, September 25, we will watch the movie *Sing* in Balfour Park at dusk! Bring a blanket or chairs, snacks, and drinks, and join us for some family friendly fun. Then be sure to join us at 45 Degree Brewhouse on Monday, September 28 at 5:30 pm for an early Oktoberfest and a game of Bingo to celebrate Good Neighbor Day! Wear your SVUMC shirts and invite your family and friends!

Howard Lloyd's memorial will be held at SVUMC on Monday, September 28 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow.

SVUMC has a new website! You might have noticed last week that our website has a new look. We also have a new giving platform that makes online giving fast, easy, and secure. You can check out the QR code to the left or visit our website at spokanevalleychurch.org/give. If you are a recurring online donor, your gifts will need to be set up using the new platform; we will get in touch with more information. Thank you for your financial support of Spokane Valley United Methodist Church!

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church is here to invite people to follow Jesus, love others, and transform the greater community through the grace of God.

*Love is the Spirit at Spokane Valley UMC –
we are a weapons-free and drug-free community.
Thank you for abiding by this policy and helping
to make our church a safe space for all.*

THIS WEEK

9/21 Monday

9:30 am Shirley's small group (115)
11:00 am Quilters (125)

9/22 Tuesday

9:00 am Huddle (213)

9/23 Wednesday

9:30 am Disciple 4 (115)

9/24 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew
11:00 am Susan's Audiobook Club (201)

9/26 Saturday

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)

9/27 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Margie Manfred
10:00 am Coffee Chat Huddle

*Livestream notice:
Our Sunday worship services at Spokane Valley UMC are live-streamed so our homebound members and online community can join us. By sitting on the Chancel or in the front six pews, you acknowledge that you may be filmed and/or photographed. Images and audio may be published on our website, social media, and streaming platforms. For more information, contact Pastor Alissa.*

*Prayer Requests:
If you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team, fill out one of the cards in the pews and either place it in the plate on the back table or pass it to an usher when they come by during the choir anthem.*