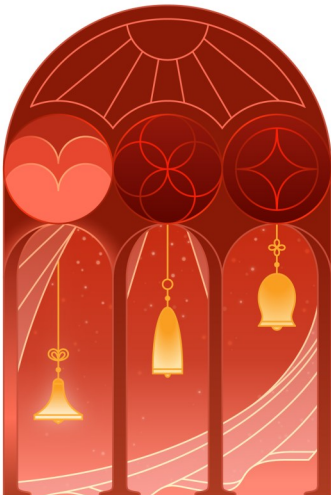




# Memorial *Worship Service*

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026 | 7 P.M. | SPOKANE VALLEY UMC  
ONLINE: [PNWUMC.ORG/PNWAC](https://PNWUMC.ORG/PNWAC)



*Love Boldly*

*Serve Joyfully*

*Lead Courageously*

 PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 2026

# Service of Remembrance

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

**Prelude**     *I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry*<sup>1</sup>

**Opening Moment**

Crystal Tibbals

**\*Processional Hymn** *I Sing A Song of the Saints of God*<sup>2</sup> UMH 712

I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green;  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and His love made them strong,  
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,  
in church, by the sea, in the house next door,  
they are saints of God whether rich or poor,  
and I mean to be one too.

Words of Greeting

Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth

Prayer

Rev. Sonya Davis

Tender and compassionate God,  
we seek to know you through the hearing of your Word and  
pray that we may go beyond hearing to obeying,  
as shown by the faithful lives of your departed servants  
whom we honor today.

We know that they are precious in your eyes, worthy of your  
special attention and ours, for they served well in the task  
that you gave them.

Grant that we may feel your presence as did the followers  
who knew Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and may we  
experience the fire within that sent them out to share good  
news. Amen.

Reading 1: Matthew: 22: 37-39

Crystal Tibbals

*[Jesus] replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your  
heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the  
first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it:  
You must love your neighbor as you love yourself."*

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

A: Thanks be to God.

**Reading 2:** John 13: 34-35

Rev. Sonya Davis

*"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."*

L: This is the Gospel.

**A: Praise be to you, Christ Jesus.**

**Sermon:**

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank

**Musical Response:** *Give Me Jesus*<sup>3</sup> Rev. Joe Lee, Music Leader

## Act of Remembrance

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

Kathryn Ellen Neary..... April 14, 1961 – April 17, 2026

### FULL MEMBERS - RETIRED

Chester D. Aumua ..... March 1, 1946 – October 11, 2025

David Braun ..... October 5, 1934 – March 7, 2026

Pharis James Harvey ..... October 10, 1935 – April 15, 2026

David G. Lura ..... September 15, 1947 – January 25, 2026

Earl H. Rice ..... April 15, 1939 – September 7, 2025

David Tinney ..... July 7, 1950 – July 22, 2025

Jale Tuilotuma..... November 27, 1949 – November 19, 2025

Keat Ban Yeoh ..... June 30, 1940 – January 31, 2026

## **RETIRED ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Marta G. Rupp Schellberg ..... November 16, 1948 – August 1, 2025  
Sharon Jane Laraene ..... June 8, 1942 – October 29, 2025

## **HONORABLE LOCATION -RETIRED**

Dewey Alan Knowles ..... October 17, 1930 – July 27, 2025  
Jacqueline L. McRae .... September 14, 1948 – December 19, 2025  
Robert Harry Scott ..... June 28, 1934 – January 25, 2026

## **SPOUSES OF RETIRED FULL MEMBERS**

Betty Jane Martin ..... May 22, 1939 – December 26, 2025  
David R. Reese ..... August 23, 1943 – November 14, 2025  
Sandra Lillian Rice ..... May 21, 1947 – December 18, 2025  
Patricia A. White ..... June 8, 1940 – July 25, 2025

## **SURVIVING SPOUSES OF DECEASED MEMBERS**

Marilyn Warner Houck ..... July 4, 1931 – April 10, 2026

## **BELOVED SERVANTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CONFERENCE**

Larry Lee Fox ..... May 4, 1940 – October 1, 2025  
Darrell Alvin Lowe..... February 29, 1936 – September 7, 2025  
Allen Leroy Meeds ..... August 22, 1950 – November 6, 2025

## **EPISCOPAL MEMORIALS**

Bishop Violet L. Fisher ..... August 28, 1939 – November 17, 2025  
Bishop José Gamboa, Jr ..... March 25, 1928 – December 22, 2025

# CLOSED UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

Aberdeen UMC  
Seattle: Magnolia UMC

Prayer for the Faithfully Departed      Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth

O God of both the living and the dead,  
we praise your holy name for all your servants  
who have faithfully lived and died.  
We thank you for the sacred ties that bind us  
to those unseen who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses.

We pray that,  
encouraged by their example and strengthened by their  
fellowship, we may be diligent followers and that nothing will  
be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.

\*Closing Hymn:      *Draw the Circle Wide*<sup>4</sup>      W&S 3154

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (repeat)

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side, Draw the circle,  
Draw the circle wide. (repeat)

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Recessional**                      *Hymn of Promise*<sup>5</sup>                      *UMH 707*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to  
be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody.  
There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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