

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 22nd, 2026 – First Sunday In Lent – *Renewed in Mercy* Lenten 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

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Alissa

*Call to Worship

Wes Holmquist

Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness
full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

We follow, trusting in God's mercy.

We witness Jesus resist the siren calls
of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.

We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

We pay attention to God's merciful presence

that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.

We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone —
God is with us.

**We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us
into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" – UMH #269

Antiphonal Psalm of Confession – Psalm 32

Pastor Alissa

Traditional Choir

"Broken Pieces" (James Martin & Ruby Kitchen)

Betsy Pletscher

The Burial of the Gloria Patri

Pastor Alissa

*Greeting Time & "Come Let's Join & Be Transformed"

The Parlanes

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.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSVA)

Wes Holmquist

Message

"Mercy on the Wilderness Road"

Pastor Alissa

*Hymn of Response

"Jesus Tempted in the Desert" – TFWS #2105

Invitation to the Offering

Zack Reiber

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Zack Reiber

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Walk With Me" – TFWS #2105

*Sending Forth

Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music

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SUNDAY NEWS

February 22

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month at the Connect Desk, we are collecting toiletry items for MCOC. Items may be purchased at the Dollar Store for a cheaper price for good quality toiletries. Requested items include: shampoo, conditioner, unscented lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and men's and women's deodorant.

Next month at the Connect Desk, we're collecting food items for MCOC, including bring applesauce, fruit cups, fruit snacks, fruit rollups, ramen, cup of noodles, oatmeal, cereal, mac & cheese, canned soup, canned fruit, canned beans, canned chili, canned meat (spam, tuna, etc.) (Please ensure canned food items have pop tops for ease of access).

Contemplative Lenten Worship Join us at 7 PM on Wednesdays throughout the season of Lent for a contemplative worship experience focused on encountering God's mercy with a fresh perspective. A free soup/bread/salad meal offered at 6 PM with gluten free and vegetarian/vegan options available.

The United Women in Faith Book Club will begin meeting today, Sunday, February 22nd at 1 PM in the Fireplace Room to discuss *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee. If you're interested in joining, contact Robin Gregory or Madelyn Bafus.

Walking in Grace devotional readers will meet during coffee chat in Room 115 on March 1st to discuss devotionals from February and again on March 29th for March readings. Questions? See Madelyn Bafus or Shirley Porter.

THIS WEEK

2/23 Monday

9:30 am Shirley's Group
10:00 am Walkers
10:00 am Prayer Shawl & Lap Blanket Ministry
2:00 pm Nancy Larson's Group

2/24 Tuesday

9:00 am Huddle

2/25 Wednesday

9:30 am Disciple 3
10:00 am Walkers
7:00 pm Lenten Contemplative Worship Service (Chapel)

2/26 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew
1:00 pm Lois' Group

2/28 Saturday

10:00 am Choir Practice

3/1 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist:
10:00 am Coffee Chat
UWF
10:30 am Adult Sunday School

If you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team, fill our 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.



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.