

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 15th, 2026 – Fourth 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

Nancy Moore

Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

The journey of grace points us toward the Light
so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

**We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives
may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.**

The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

**We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us
to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.**

Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

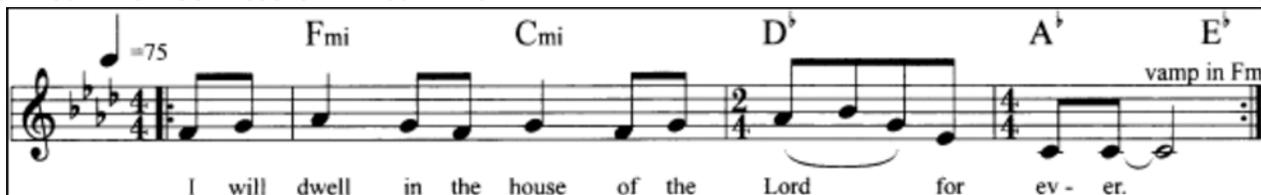
Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – UMH #140

Antiphonal Psalm of Confession – Psalm 23

Pastor Alissa



Traditional Choir

"How Beautiful with There is a Redeemer" (Paris/Larson)

Betsy Pletscher

*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.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14 (NRSVA)

Nancy Moore

Message

"Journeying in Grace"

Pastor Alissa

*Hymn of Response

"Christ, be Our Light" – URWB #114

Ministry that Matters Moment: Twinlow Camp

Tyler Rauhauser, Director

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Alissa

*Closing Hymn

"Go Forth for God" – UMH #670

*Sending Forth

Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music

Zachary Bjurstrom

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SUNDAY NEWS

March 15

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're collecting food items for Partners INW, 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).

During the month of March, our youth are collecting candy and vinyl stickers to fill our abundance of plastic eggs for our Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt. We will fill the eggs on March 29. For questions or concerns, please contact Jen Price.

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.

Opportunities to support Camp Twinlow Today, we welcome Tyler Rauhauser, Twinlow Camp Director, to offer our Ministry that Matters Moment. Twinlow Camp is one of the four United Methodist Church camps in the Pacific Northwest and one with whom we have had a long relationship of support. Many of our kids have attended camp there during the summer and a few have even served on staff. Twinlow is in a season of rebuilding their ministry and are seeking to deepen their connection to the local church. There are several ways to get involved: 1) Virtually attend their next board meeting via Zoom on March 9 at 6:30pm (contact our church secretary for the link). 2) Attend worship on March 15 and learn more from Tyler about what is happening at camp. 3) Consider serving on the Twinlow Board. We have been invited to submit the names of a few folks who are eager to spread the word about Twinlow and help it reach another generation of young disciples. If you're interested, please let Pastor Alissa know. To learn more about the camp, visit: www.twinlow.org.

All are welcome to the UWF's Annual Dine In & Takeout Easter Dinner, coming up on Saturday March 28 from 5-6 PM. Pre-order by calling Madelyn (509-869-8213) beginning Sunday, March 22 through Friday, March 27 from 9 AM – 1 PM.

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

3/16 Monday

9:30 am Shirley's Group
10:00 am Walkers
11:00 am Quilters
2:00 pm Nancy Larson's Group

3/17 Tuesday

10:00 am Touched by Cancer
2:30 pm Finance
6:00 pm Coordinating Council

3/18 Wednesday

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

3/19 Thursday

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

3/21 Saturday

10:00 am Choir Practice

3/22 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Nancy Brown
10:00 am Coffee Chat UWF
10:00 am Confirmation Class
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.



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