

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 22nd, 2026 – Fifth 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")*

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Alissa

*Call to Worship

Nancy Brown

Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn,
heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty,
longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections,
moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today,
God welcomes us and calls us to work together as we travel God's redemption road together.

**We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers
as we travel God's redemption road together. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

"Come and Find the Quiet Center" – TFWS #2128

Antiphonal Psalm of Confession – Psalm 130

Pastor Alissa

The image shows a musical score for the Antiphonal Psalm of Confession (Psalm 130). It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 90. The score is for voice and piano. The lyrics are: "I'm wait - ing for God more than those who watch for the mor - ning, more than those who watch for the mor - ning." The piano accompaniment features chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Chord markings above the staff include Dmi, Bb, Ami, Bb, and Ami vamp in Dm.

Traditional Choir

"Amazing Grace" (arr. Mark Williams)

Betsy Pletscher

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

The Parlanes

Hebrew Bible Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSVA)

Pastor Alissa

Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" – UMH #420

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:6-11 (NRSVA)

Nancy Brown

Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God" – UMH #393

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45 (NRSVA)

Pastor Alissa

Hymn

"I Know Whom I Have Believed" – UMH #714

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer – based on Psalm 130

Pastor Alissa

*Closing Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" – UMH #57

(vs. 1, 3, 4, & 5)

*Sending Forth Blessing & Music

Pastor Alissa & Zachary Bjurstrom

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SUNDAY NEWS

March 22

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| 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 wrapped 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.

Join us for an Easter Interfaith Choral Festival this weekend at the Bing Crosby Theater! There is one more performance today, March 22nd at 3 PM. SVUMC's choir will join Manito UMC's, and together with six other Spokane churches will lift their voices in celebration of the hope and joy of Easter. Admission is free, but a ticket is required for entry. See the flyer outside the Fellowship Hall for more info.

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.

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.

Thinking about joining SVUMC? Come to our New Members Class on March 29 at 10:30 AM.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil This is your opportunity to spend 45 sacred minutes with your Lord in our beautiful sanctuary. The prayer vigil will be held Friday, April 3rd, beginning at 6 AM. Be sure to sign up for your 45-minute time slot on Palm Sunday at the Connect Desk. Prayer suggestions will be available, as will prayer cards for you to use. This can be a solitary experience or you can sign up with a partner. If you have questions, be sure to talk with Margie Collin or Mary Jane Waters.

Join us for a special Easter Breakfast served by Mission & Service after service on Easter morning, April 5th. All proceeds go to our covenant relationship with Katherine Parker.

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

3/23 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

3/24 Tuesday

9:00 am Huddle

3/25 Wednesday

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

3/26 Thursday

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

3/28 Saturday

10:00 am Choir Practice
5:00 pm Dine-In & Takeout Easter Dinner

3/29 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Linda Hanson
10:00 am Coffee Chat
Disciple 3
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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