

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 29th, 2026 – Palm/Passion Sunday – *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

Linda Hansen

Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus' saving power.

We come to praise Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

The crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt.

We come to call on Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny.

We come to witness Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kin-dom of God, not the kingdoms of this world?

We come to follow Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

*Opening Hymn

"Who Is He" – W&S #3082 (tune Hymn of Joy)

Jesus' Passover Meal with the Disciples – Matthew 26:17-30 (NRSVA)

Linda Hansen

Antiphonal Psalm of Confession – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Pastor Alissa

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Praise the Lord, whose love is e-ter-nal! Praise the Lord, whose love is e-ter-nal!

Traditional Choir

"Ride on, Now, O King!" (H. Kemp)

Betsy Pletscher

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

The Parlanes

Jesus' Betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane – Matthew 26:36-56 (NRSVA)

Wes Holmquist

Hymn

"Dust and Ashes" – W&S #3098

Jesus Before the High Priest & Peter's Denial - Matthew 26:57-75 (NRSVA)

Cliff Maxey

Hymn

"Depth of Mercy" – W&S #3097

Jesus and Pilate – Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26

Susan Ingalls

Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This" – UMH #292

Jesus is Crucified – Matthew 27:27-37 (NRSVA)

Peggy Self

*Hymn of Response

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" – UMH #286

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Alissa

*Closing Hymn

"We Sang Our Glad Hosannas" – TFWS #2111 (vs. 1-4)
(to the tune of "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" – UMH #203)

*Sending Forth Blessing & Music

Pastor Alissa & Zachary Bjurstrom

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SUNDAY NEWS

March 29

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week is the last week to collect food items for Partners INW at the Connect Desk!

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

Get ready to dance, laugh, and sweat in Zumba class on Wednesday, April 1 from 6-7 PM! Zumba instructor Shanda Blunt will lead an hour-long class in the gym. Come check it out!

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. If you have questions, be sure to talk with Margie Collin or Mary Jane Waters.

Volunteers needed! Saturday, April 4 we will be doing a big outside cleanup of the church at 9 AM. No sign-ups needed, just show up to help! For any questions, see Paul Norris.

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.

Grab a coffee after service April 12 and come to Room 115 for a special Coffee Chat conversation about our devotional book, *Walking In Grace*. Bring your book and discuss some of your favorite devotionals from March. If you have any questions, see Madelyn Bafus or Shirley Porter.

Next month at the Connect Desk (starting April 12), we will be collecting staple cleaning items for the Spokane Community College Basic Needs Program. Please bring Dollar Store cleaning products like dish soap, dish cloths, oven cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, Comet, Windex, Lysol, Ajax, steel wool pads, bath cleaner, bleach, Pine Glo, disinfectant spray & wipes, carpet cleaner, mops, and buckets. (Items can be purchased from the Dollar Store for cheaper with the same quality.)

SVUMC's Mahan Legacy Scholarship is available to students attending school for an undergraduate or graduate degree during the 2026-2027 academic year. Applicant must be a member or an active constituent of SVUMC. Scholarships will be for a minimum amount of \$800. Please call the church (509-924-7262) to request an application. Completed applications must be received in the church office by May 4, 2026. For any questions, please talk to Gerry Bafus.

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

3/30 Monday

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

4/1 Wednesday

9:30 am Disciple 3
10:00 am Walkers
6:00 pm Soup dinner
7:00 pm Lenten
Contemplative Worship
Service (Chapel)

4/2 Thursday

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

4/4 Saturday

9:00 am Outside Clean-up
10:00 am Choir Practice

4/5 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Zack Reiber
Servers: Lucas & Riley
Price, Morgan Cheney,
Layla McClarty
10:30 am Easter Breakfast
Mission & Service
10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

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.



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