

SUNDAY NEWS

Please join us in the Fellowship Center after worship for our Annual Easter Breakfast hosted by our *Mission & Outreach Team!* They will be serving eggs, sausage links, cinnamon rolls, bananas, orange juice, and coffee. Breakfast is free but donations are welcome! All proceeds support our Covenant Relationship with Katherine Parker, United Methodist Missionary to Nepal.

We're so excited to offer an Easter Egg Hunt after service today!

Families with small children are encouraged to gather at the Connect Desk right outside the Sanctuary to receive an Easter basket and instructions on where to hunt for eggs filled with candy and stickers outside! Allergen Notice: Some eggs contain candy made with peanuts/nuts.

The Marriage of Rejoice & Thapelo is this Saturday, April 11 at 3:00pm!

All are welcome to the wedding of new members, Rejoice & Thapelo, as they are joined in holy matrimony in our beautiful Sanctuary! Reception by invitation only.

SPRING WORSHIP PREVIEW

APRIL 12 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – “ON THE ROAD AGAIN”

Pastor Alissa preaching a sermon on Mark 16:9-20
with a liturgy of welcoming new members!

APRIL 19 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – “3000 NEW PILGRIMS”

Pastor Alissa preaching a sermon on Acts 2:14a, 36-41
with a *Ministry That Matters* Moment.

APRIL 26 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – “ALL NATURE SINGS!”

Join us for a “Singing Sunday Celebration Service” led by Betsy Pletscher!
We will sing hymns and read scriptures that inspire us to join our voices
with all creation to praise God our Creator!



EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 5th – 9:00am

Rev. Alissa Amestoy - Pastor

Betsy Pletscher - Director of Music & Clarinet

Zachary Bjurstrom – Piano Accompanist

Betsy Mott – Trumpet

Theresa Meckel & Michael Cheney – Handbells

Zackerey Reiber – Liturgist

Riley Price, Lucas Price, Morgen Cheney,

& Alex Nilles - Communion Servers

Raeann Ducar & Tracey Partridge, Communion Song Leaders

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

GATHERING MUSIC

Selections for Piano, Clarinet, & Trumpet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* – UMH #302 (v. 1-4)

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRADITIONAL CHOIR *"Easter Song"* – Herring/Wilson

GREETING TIME & GLORIA PATRI – UMH #70

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSVA)

MESSAGE *"A New Start"*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"* – UMH #304

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Break and Share It"* – Eugene Butler

*DOXOLOGY – UMH #95

*OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Alleluia! The risen Christ is with us!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Death is conquered! Sin's power is broken.

Praise to you, Conquering God!

We have seen your glorious miracle.

And we are yours!

....How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation:

Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name, you are worthy, worthy!

Lamb of God who died and rose again, you are worthy, worthy!

Hosanna now we sing! Hosanna now we sing!

....We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and wine, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *"Christ Is Risen"* – UMH #307
"Easter Alleluia" – W&S #3088

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN *"He Lives"* – UMH #310

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL *"Heroic Polonaise"* – Chopin

Thank you for joining the celebration of Easter!

Please join us for Easter Breakfast & the Egg Hunt!