

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 12th, 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter – *New Members Sunday*

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

Pastor Alissa

***Call to Worship**

Lucas Price

The Lord is risen indeed! He has appeared to many, and he meets us here today.

Though we often doubt and struggle to believe, he brings us peace.

Jesus says to us, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news."

We are called to be witnesses of his love, mercy, and power.

He is not a distant Savior, but one who works with us and confirms his word.

Let us worship the Lord, who lives and reigns forever!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***Opening Hymn**

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" – UMH #312

Opening Prayer

Pastor Alissa

Announcements

Traditional Choir

"Our Savior Lives" (Medley/Purifoy)

Betsy Pletscher

***Greeting Time & Gloria Patri**

Zachary Bjurstrom

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

Mark 16:9-20 (NRSVA)

Joyce Johnson

Message

"Back on the Road"

Pastor Alissa

Hymn

"At the Font We Start Our Journey" – TFWS #2114

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Zachary Bjurstrom

***Doxology**

UMH #95

***Offering Prayer**

Litany of Reception for New Members

Pastor Alissa & Zack Reiber

Follow along with the words onscreen.

***Closing Hymn**

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" – UMH #569

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music

Zachary Bjurstrom

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SUNDAY NEWS

April 12

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Room 202

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month at the Connect Desk, 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.)

Grab a coffee after service today 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.

Our Accompanist, Zachary Bjurstrom, has his Senior Recital April 15 at 7 PM at the Spokane Valley Steinway Piano Gallery. This event is open to the public, and SVUMC community members are invited! Zachary will give a one-hour recital as a part of his final requirements to earn his Piano Performance degree at EWU in June 2026. There will be light refreshments after the recital.

UWF's Book Club will meet April 19 at 1 PM in the Fireplace Room to discuss *Solito* by Javier Zamora. If you're interested in attending, see Robin Gregory or Madelyn Bafus.

Pastor Alissa will be on renewal leave from April 21-26 to attend the Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation. She will be unavailable during that time; please forward any questions or concerns to the office.

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

4/13 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
6:30 pm Trustees

4/14 Tuesday

9:00 am Huddle
1:00 pm Esther Circle

4/15 Wednesday

9:30 am Disciple 3
10:00 am Walkers

4/16 Thursday

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

4/18 Saturday

10:00 am Choir Practice

4/19 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Drake Nance
10:00 am Coffee Chat
SPR
10:30 am Adult Sunday School
1:00 pm UWF Book Club

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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