

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2nd, 2026 – Tenth Sunday of Pentecost – *Lessons in Leadership 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

Zachary Bjurstrom

Welcome

Pastor Alissa

***Call to Worship**

Peggy Self

In a world where powerful people make decisions to lift themselves up and cast others aside, how does God teach us to use our power?

God teaches us to protect the vulnerable, resist the oppressors, and persist in doing good.

In a world where power means might, how does God show us what power means?

God shows us through the midwives' daring, Peter's truth-telling, and Jesus' humility.

In a world where power is held over people's heads, how does God exercise power?

God exercises power *with* - *with* the oppressed, *with* the outcasts, *with* the poor and downtrodden.

Beloved, we gather to recognize our world as it is

and to grow as disciples and imitators of Christ. So, how will you use your power today?

We will side with the vulnerable, build community in the margins, and love all of our neighbors with the exuberant and all-encompassing love of Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"God Is Here" – UMH #660

Zachary Bjurstrom

Opening Prayer

Pastor Alissa

Announcements

Special Music

"Boat Song" (Norman Dello Joio)

Betsy Pletscher

***Greeting Time & Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

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.

Hebrew Bible Reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10 (CEB)

Peggy Self

Message

"Lessons in Leadership: Power"

Pastor Alissa

***Hymn of Response**

"Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom" – UMH #508

Zachary Bjurstrom

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

UMH #95

***Offering Prayer**

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Alissa & Peggy Self

Follow along with the words onscreen.

Music During Communion

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" – TFWS #2120

Zachary Bjurstrom

Prayer After Communion

"When We Are Living" – UMH #356

Peggy Self

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music

Zachary Bjurstrom

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SUNDAY NEWS

August 2

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're partnering with Broadway Elementary School to collect donations of baby wipes and Kleenex for the kids going back to school!

Disciple class is starting up again on September 9! Sign ups will be at the Connect Desk beginning in August. The study is called "Under the Tree of Life," and it will study The Writings, John, and Revelation. You don't need to have taken any previous Disciple classes to join. For any questions, please see Madelyn Bafus.

If you have a child interested in Twinlow Summer Camp or are already signed up, please know Camperships are available. Please reach out to Jen Price for more info. For camp dates and descriptions based on your child's age, see Twinlow.org.

THIS WEEK

8/4 Tuesday

10:00 am SPR Meeting

8/6 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew

8/9 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Joyce Johnson

Livestream notice:

Our Sunday worship services at Spokane Valley UMC are live-streamed so our homebound members and online community can join us. By sitting on the Chancel or in the front six pews, you acknowledge that you may be filmed and/or photographed.

Images and audio may be published on our website, social media, and streaming platforms. For more information, contact Pastor Alissa.

Prayer Requests:

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.



SVUMC Giving QR Code

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.