

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 9th, 2026 – Eleventh 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

Lucas Price

Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes,
telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us and we don't understand the full meaning of the call
and the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news
and us as messengers of it.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle,
asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Beloved, God's call takes many forms.

Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can.

But take assurance in this: You are not alone.

God is with us, and God's call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

God, help us accept your call on our lives

and to trust that what you equip us to do

is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"As Pilgrims on Our Way" – URWB #210 (vs. 1-3, 5)
(tune: "Gift of Love" – UMH #408)

Zachary Bjurstrom

Opening Prayer

Pastor Alissa

Announcements

Special Music

"The Enchanted Garden" (Maurice Ravel) Betsy Pletscher & Quynh Parlane

*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 3:1-15 (CEB)

Joyce Johnson

Message

"Lessons in Leadership: Acceptance"

Pastor Alissa

*Hymn of Response

"Deep in the Shadows of the Past" – TFWS #2246

Zachary Bjurstrom

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Alissa

Offertory

"Pavane of the Sleeping Beauty in the Forest" (Ravel) Betsy Pletscher & Quynh Parlane

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Pastor Alissa

*Sending Hymn

"In the Desert, on God's Mountain" – W&S #3029 (vs. 1, 3, 4, & 6)

*Sending Forth

Sending Forth Music

Zachary Bjurstrom

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SUNDAY NEWS

August 9

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!

Join us after service today in room 115 to discuss your favorite *Walking in Grace* Devotionals of this summer!

The fires in Spokane have decimated entire neighborhoods and displaced thousands this week. These are difficult times and sometimes it's hard to know how best to show up for our neighbors and loved ones. But as Bishop Bridgeforth said in a Conference-wide email last week, "in days such as these, God calls us to become shelter for one another." If you'd like to donate to help UMC disaster response coordinators respond directly to those impacted by the fires, you can use the QR code below to give to the PNW Conference Disaster Response Fund.

All Spokane County Library District locations are collecting nonperishable food donations throughout August for Second Harvest to benefit the victims of the Spokane fires. You can bring canned or packaged foods to any SCLD library to help!

Disciple class is starting up again on September 9! Sign ups are at the Connect Desk. 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.



PNW Conference Disaster Response Fund

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

8/10 Monday

10:00 am Prayer Shawl &
Lap Blanket Ministry
6:30 pm Trustees

8/11 Tuesday

9:00 am Hospitality Huddle

8/13 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew

8/16 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Ann Conklin

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.



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