

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 16th, 2026 – Twelfth 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**

Ann Conklin

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation

and healing for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"Lord, We Come to Ask Your Healing" – URWB #196

Zachary Bjurstrom

(tune: For the Fruits of This Creation – UMH #97)

Opening Prayer

Pastor Alissa

Announcements

Special Music

"Come Alive (Dry Bones)" (Lauren Daigle & Michael Farren)

Riley Price

***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.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20 (CEB)

Ann Conklin

Message

"Lessons in Leadership: Conflict"

Pastor Alissa

***Hymn of Response**

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" – UMH #549 (v. 1-5)

Zachary Bjurstrom

(tune: Dove of Peace – UMH #617)

Ministry That Matters Moment: Broadway Elementary

Emily Churilla

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Alissa

Offertory

"Trust in You" (Farren, Daigle, & Mabury)

Jen Price

***Doxology**

UMH #95

***Offering Prayer**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Pastor Alissa

Follow along with the words onscreen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

"Help Us Accept Each Other" – UMH #560

Pastor Alissa

***Sending Forth**

Zachary Bjurstrom

Sending Forth Music

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SUNDAY NEWS

August 16

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!

Affected by the Spokane Wildfires or know someone who is? A PNWUMC Early Response Team may be able to help! If your home or the home of someone you know is covered by red fire retardant or you're looking for treasured personal items and need support, our PNWUMC Early Response Team may be able to help. They're UMCOR-trained, equipped and serve with their caring, Christian presence. The team will be in the Spokane area August 28 through 30. Please email Pastor Alissa for the intake form if you're interested in this free service: alissaamestoy@gmail.com. ERTs serve as the hands and feet of Christ. May they walk with you in this time of grief.

The fires in Spokane have decimated entire neighborhoods and displaced thousands over the past few weeks. If you'd like to donate to help UMC disaster response coordinators respond directly to those impacted by the fires, you can find the link to the PNW Conference Disaster Response Fund on our website.

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," focusing on The Writings, John, and Revelation. You don't need to have taken any previous Disciple classes to join. For any questions, see Madelyn Bafus.

If you'd like to dive deeper into understanding spiritual gifts and learning what it means to be a spiritual leader, you might be the perfect candidate for the Lay Servant Ministries Advanced Course, "Discover Your Spiritual Gifts," led by Dr. Shawna Beese, Certified Lay Speaker. This course will read through *Each One a Minister* by William J. Carter and will meet over Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning September 15. The link to register will be ready on August 19 on the pnwumc.org website.

Volunteers needed! Join us at a Back to School Night at Broadway Elementary on August 24 from 4:30-5:30 pm! Sign up sheets are at the Connect Desk!

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

8/18 Tuesday

11:30 am Touched by Cancer (TBA)
2:30 pm Finance (FPR)

8/20 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew
11:00 am Susan's Audiobook Club (201)

8/23 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: C. J. Amestoy

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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