

# SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost – The Heart of Christianity 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")*

<b>Gathering Music</b>	Allegro Molto from Sonata in D (Beethoven)	Kiyah Young-Wilson & Betsy Pletscher
<b>Welcome</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Zack Reiber
Lift up the gates of your soul, open your eyes and the closed doors of your heart, <b>that the King of Glory may come in!</b> Who is this king of glory? <b>The God of countless hosts, this is the King of Glory!</b> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <b>who in Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing</b> <b>that is available throughout the whole of time and space. Amen!</b>		
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	"King of Kings" – TFWS #2075	Zachary Bjurstrom
<b>Opening Prayer</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>Special Music</b>	The Church's One Foundation/How Firm a Foundation (arr. Henderson)	Luke Henderson & Zachary Bjurstrom
<b>*Greeting Time &amp; Gloria Patri</b>	UMH #70	
<b>Epistle Reading</b>	Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSVA)	Zack Reiber
<b>Message</b>	"Thin Places: Opening the Heart"	Pastor Alissa
<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" – W&S #3008	Zachary Bjurstrom
<b>Invitation to the Offering</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>		The Parlane Family
<b>*Doxology</b>	UMH #95	
<b>*Offering Prayer</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>*Pastoral Prayer &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.</b> <b>Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</b> <b>Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,</b> <b>as we forgive those who trespass against us.</b> <b>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,</b> <b>for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.</b>		
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	"Open My Eyes, That I May See" – UMH #454	
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Alissa
<b>*Sending Forth Music</b>		Zachary Bjurstrom

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# SUNDAY NEWS

## August 24

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

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In August, SVUMC is collecting boxes of tissues and baby wipes** for Broadway Elementary classrooms for the coming school year! Bring them to the Connect Desk August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31!

**The next Heavenly Hikers adventure will be on August 27th** at Riverside State Park. We will meet at 7AM at the Bowl and Pitcher Area parking lot, and depart at 7:15. This will be a fairly flat out-and-back hike along the Spokane River, and will be mostly shaded. The route will begin on the northwest side of the river and cross the swinging bridge (fun, but not like the swinging bridges you have seen in Indiana Jones movies!) and continue northward on the western side of the river. There are two restrooms in the parking area. Pets on a leash are OK. The Bowl and Pitcher Area parking lot is at 4427 N. Aubrey L. White Parkway, Spokane. Note that you will need a Discover Pass to park in the parking lot (\$30 for the year, or \$10 for the day). You can purchase a Discover Pass at the self-service kiosk in the parking area. See <https://parks.wa.gov/find-parks/state-parks/riverside-state-park> for more information. Contact Brian Hoyt (brian.alan.hoyt@gmail.com, 602-376-0612) if you have questions.

**Get ready for Coffee Chat to begin again soon!** Coffee Chat picks back up September 14th. Pack the freezer full of your favorite kinds of cookies!

**We're supporting Shalom Ministries in September** by collecting some simple food items for them: coffee (ground or whole bean), juice boxes, sugar (brown or white), honey, and pancake syrup. For any questions, see Madelyn 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

## 8/25 Monday

10:00 am Prayer Shawl & Lap Blanket Ministry

## 8/26 Tuesday

9:00 am Huddle

## 8/28 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew

## 8/31 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service  
Liturgist: Tracey Partridge

*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**