

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 31st, 2025 – Twelfth 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")*

Gathering Music

Zachary Bjurstrom

Welcome

Pastor Alissa

***Call to Worship**

Tracey Partridge

Siblings in the faith, the extravagant love of God has called us together.

For long before we were even aware of it, God knew us.

He had already chosen us to be part of His family—children of God!

And having chosen us, he called us;

and having called us, he justified us;

and having justified us, he gave us his glory!

What extravagant love is this!

So come, let's worship God together!

***Opening Hymn**

"What Wondrous Love Is This" – UMH #292

Zachary Bjurstrom

Opening Prayer

Pastor Alissa

Announcements

Special Music

Head Above Water (Avril Lavigne)

Jen Price &
Zachary Bjurstrom

***Greeting Time & Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

Gospel Reading

Romans 7:15-25a (NRSVA)

Tracey Partridge

Message

"Sin & Salvation: Transforming the Heart"

Pastor Alissa

***Hymn of Response**

"Amazing Grace" – UMH #378

Zachary Bjurstrom

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

UMH #95

***Offering Prayer**

Pastor Alissa

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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.**

Back to School Blessing

Pastor Alissa, Jen Price, & Jacqueline Florian

Follow along with the words onscreen.

***Closing Hymn**

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" – UMH #664

***Benediction**

Pastor Alissa

***Sending Forth Music**

Zachary Bjurstrom

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SUNDAY NEWS

August 31

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's the last day to bring boxes of tissues and baby wipes for Broadway Elementary classrooms for the coming school year!

This September, SVUMC is collecting items for Shalom Ministries, including coffee (ground or whole bean), juice boxes, sugar (brown or white), honey, and pancake syrup. Bring items to the Connect Desk throughout the month!

The church office will be closed Monday, September 1 in recognition of Labor Day.

Get ready to dance, laugh, and sweat in Zumba class on Wednesday, September 3 from 6-7pm! Zumba instructor Shanda Blunt will lead an hour-long class in the chapel. Come check it out!

Small Group Ministry Fair Right after service on Sunday, September 7, join us in Room 115 for our Small Group Ministry Fair. Hear from group members what it means to them to be part of a small group, check out what the groups are studying, and snag some coffee or lemonade and a cookie! For questions, contact Lois Cwiek at lois.cwiek@hotmail.com.

Disciple Bible Study begins again on Wednesday, September 10 with Orientation from 9:30-10:30am in Room 115. The first lesson will start at 9:30am the following Wednesday, September 17. It is not too late to sign up for the class either at the Connect Desk or by calling Madelyn Bafus at 509-869-8213. We'll see you there!

Get ready for Coffee Chat to begin again soon! Coffee Chat picks back up September 14th with the first Cinnamon Roll Sale of the season! Proceeds go to the Jamaa Letu Orphanage in the DRC. Please also bring cookies for future Coffee Chats!

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

9/1 Monday

Office Closed

9/21 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew

9/7 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Shawna Beese

If you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team, fill our 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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