

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 14th, 2025 – Fourteenth 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	Norwegian Dance Opus 35 no. 2 (Grieg)	Betsy Pletscher & Zachary Bjurstrom
Welcome		Pastor Alissa
*Call to Worship		Joyce Johnson
God who is One, You call us to be one.		
May we be one with all who are made in Your image.		
God who is Three, You call us to be community.		
May we create community with all who are called by Your name.		
God who calls us all by Your name.		
May we find our place in Your eternal and diverse global family.		
God who welcomes all without regard to gender, race, or religion.		
May we welcome all in this place with your radical hospitality.		
*Opening Hymn	"Welcome" – W&S #3152	Betsy Pletscher
Opening Prayer		Pastor Alissa
Announcements		
Special Music	In This Very Room (Ron & Carol Harris)	Layla McClarty
*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri	UMH #70	
Gospel Reading	John 14:1-14 (NRSVA)	Joyce Johnson
Message	"Heart & Home: Being a Christian in the Age of Pluralism"	Pastor Alissa
*Hymn of Response	"This is My Song" – UMH #437	Zachary Bjurstrom
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	Norwegian Dance Opus 35 no. 1 – excerpt (Grieg)	Betsy Pletscher & Zachary Bjurstrom
*Doxology	UMH #95	
*Offering Prayer		Pastor Alissa
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Alissa
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.		
*Closing Hymn	"For the Healing of the Nations" – UMH #428	Zachary Bjurstrom
*Benediction		Pastor Alissa
*Sending Forth Music	Norwegian Dance Opus 35 no. 1 (Grieg)	Betsy Pletscher & Zachary Bjurstrom

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SUNDAY NEWS

September 14

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month, 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!

Coffee Chat picks back up today 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!

The next Heavenly Hikers adventure will not be on September 10th due to a calendar conflict, so instead we'll meet on September 17th. We'll explore the Dishman Hills Conservation Area again, this time starting at the Iller Creek Trailhead (north). We will meet at 7 AM at the Iller Creek Trailhead parking lot, and depart at 7:15. We will plan on doing the Iller Creek west ridge trail to the Upper Valley Trail, and returning via the Iller Creek east ridge trail. This 4.25 mile loop is a moderate climb to the Upper Valley Trail, then a relatively flat section, and finally a moderate descent along the east ridge trail. The trail is mostly shaded until the east ridge, where you can expect plenty of sunshine and nice views of Spokane Valley. There is a port-a-potty in the parking area. Pets on a leash are OK. Directions and trail maps are at: dishmanhills.org/maps. No passes are required to park in the parking lot. Contact Brian Hoyt (brian.alan.hoyt@gmail.com, 602-376-0612) if you have questions.

Marilyn Wixom's memorial service will be Saturday, September 27 at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Someone has created a fake Facebook profile of Mike Graef, and is asking for friends, some among Spokane Valley UMC. Don't get tricked! Mike's real Facebook account pictures him holding a French horn.

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

9/15 Monday

9:30 am Shirley Small Group

9/16 Tuesday

10:00 am SPR Meeting
10:00 am Touched by Cancer
2:30 pm Finance Meeting
6:00 pm Coordinating Council

9/18 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew
10:00 am Marlene Small Group
1:00 pm Lois Small Group

9/21 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Georgiann Cheney
10:00 am Coffee Chat Youth
10:30 am Adult Sunday School

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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