

# SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost – Heart of Neighboring 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

### Welcome

Pastor Alissa

### \*Call to Worship

Kyndal Gebhart

We have come to worship God, the living God,

**The One who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**The One who answers the forces of separation and isolation  
with the power of inclusion and belonging.**

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**The One who believes we are always better together  
and chooses us to receive and carry the Word of love to all our neighbors.**

**All glory to God!**

### \*Opening Hymn

"God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us" – UMH #100

### Opening Prayer

Shawna Beese

### Announcements

Pastor Alissa

### Choir Song

"Sing Praise to God" (Scarlatti/Hopson)

Betsy Pletscher

### \*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri

UMH #70

### Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (NRSVA)

Kyndal Gebhart

### Message

"Better Together"

Pastor Alissa

### \*Hymn of Response

"One Is the Body" – W&S #3156

### Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Alissa

### Offertory

#### \*Doxology

UMH #95

#### \*Offering Prayer

Pastor Alissa

### Litany of Reception for New Members

Pastor Alissa & Zack Reiber

*Follow along with the words onscreen.*

### Service of Holy Baptism – Everyn Denise Vanos

Pastor Alissa & Zack Reiber

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### \*Presentation of the Newly Baptized "Song of Baptism" (lyrics below)

See this child before you, Lord, You who gave her life.

Keep her in your sight, O Lord, now and all her days.

(Refrain) She is born, born again, in the sight of us all.

With great joy and love for her, joined as one we pray.

### \*Closing Hymn

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" – UMH #605 (vs. 1 & 3)

### \*Benediction

Pastor Alissa

### \*Sending Forth Music

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# SUNDAY NEWS

## October 26

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

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Join us for UWF's Annual Dine-In and Takeout Harvest Dinner** on Saturday, November 1! Dine-in will be from 4-5 pm, and take out will be 4:30-5:30 pm. Adults' meals are \$15, children's meals (6-12 years) are \$7, and children 5 and younger eat free! Preorder your meals and time by calling Madelyn at 509-869-8213 beginning Sunday, October 26 through Friday, October 31 between 9 am – 1 pm. For takeout meals, have check or cash ready in a sealed envelope with your name; pick up will be at the back of the church by the double gym doors. For dine-in, money will be collected at the door.

**In November we will be collecting children's clothing items** for MCOC's Children's Christmas Joy Event! Bring pants and long sleeve shirts for girls and boys in sizes 10-12 at the Connect Desk. For any questions, see Madelyn Bafus.

**Remaining auction items from SVUMC's past auctions** are on sale for a generous donation in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Chat this week! Proceeds go toward helping youth attend Twinlow Camps.

**Make sure to "Fall Back!"** Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour next Sunday, November 2 for Daylight Savings!

**Coordinating Council & Finance will reschedule their November meetings** to accommodate Pastor Alissa's leave. Both committees will meet on November 19.

**2026 Nominations Form** All are invited to pick up the light blue Nominations Form at the back table in order to self-nominate or nominate someone else for the 2026 leadership and ministry teams. We have many different options for service and ways to help us fulfill our mission in the coming year. Please pick up a form and take some time in prayer to see where the Spirit may be calling you or other members of our congregation. For more information, contact Pastor Alissa or Zack Reiber.

**The next Heavenly Hikers will be on October 29!** We will hike a 3-4 mile loops of the Split Creek Trail in Liberty Lake Regional Park, meeting at 8 am in the parking lot to head out at 8:15 am. Pets on a leash are OK; hiking poles could be handy. Dress in layers and bring water and snacks. If you questions about this event, contact Brian Hoyt (brian.alan.hoyt@gmail.com or call 602-376-0612).

*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

## 10/27 Monday

9:30 am Shirley Small Group  
10:00 am Walkers  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl & Lap Blanket Ministry

## 10/28 Tuesday

9:00 am Hospitality Huddle

## 10/29 Wednesday

9:30 am Disciple 3  
10:00 am Walkers

## 10/30 Thursday

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

## 10/31 Saturday

10:00 am Choir Practice

## 11/2 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service  
Liturgist: Sue Magrath  
Servers: Paul & Renee  
Norris, Susan Henderson,  
Nancy Brown  
10:00 am Coffee Chat  
United Women in Faith  
10:30 am Adult Sunday School

*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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