

SUNDAY NEWS

Please join us in the Fellowship Center after worship for our Annual Easter Breakfast hosted by our *Mission & Outreach Team*! They're serving eggs, sausage links, cinnamon rolls, bananas, orange juice, and coffee. Breakfast is free – donations are welcome! All proceeds support our commitment of \$3000 for our Covenant Relationship with United Methodist Missionary to Nepal, Katherine Parker.

We're so excited to offer an Easter Egg Hunt after service today!

Families with small children are encouraged to gather at the Connect Desk right outside the Sanctuary to receive an Easter basket and instructions on where to hunt for candy-filled eggs outside! Allergen notice: Some eggs contain candy made with peanuts/nuts.

SPRING WORSHIP PREVIEW

NEW SERIES: "MEET THE GOODPEOPLE:
JOHN WESLEY'S SEVEN WAYS TO SHARE FAITH

April 27th – First Sunday of Easter – "Stay Close to the Power"

John 20:19-29 – Pastor Alissa preaching

May 4th – Second Sunday of Easter – "On the Go"

Matthew 9:35-38 – Pastor Alissa preaching & Communion

May 11 – Third Sunday of Easter – "Plain Talk"

John 10:1-10 – Pastor Alissa preaching

May 18 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – "Tune In To Their Hearts"

Psalm 8 – Singing Sunday Celebration Service

May 25 – Fifth Sunday of Easter – "Do Life Together"

Acts 2:42-47 – Pastor Alissa preaching

June 1 – Sixth Sunday of Easter – "Get Everyone in the Game"

Acts 1:6-14 – Pastor Alissa preaching & Volunteer Recognition

June 8 – Pentecost Sunday – "Go Global"

Acts 2:1-21 – Pastor Alissa preaching & Communion



EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 20th – 9:00am

Rev. Alissa Amestoy, Pastor

Betsy Pletscher, Director of Music

C.J. Amestoy, Liturgist

Caryl Kaelin, Soloist

Sue McGovney & Jen Price, Communion Servers

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

GATHERING MUSIC

"In the Garden" & "In Christ Alone"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Come, return to God with all your hearts!

We believe with all our hearts!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" - UMH #302 (v. 1-4)

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRADITIONAL CHOIR

"Gaudeamus Hodie" (Let Us Rejoice Today) - Sleeth

GREETING TIME & GLORIA PATRI – UMH #70

GOSPEL READING - John 20:1-20 (NRSVA)

MESSAGE

"Believing with All Our Hearts"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Come, Let Us With Our Lord Arise" – TFWS #2084

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"If That Isn't Love" - Gaither/Rambo

***DOXOLOGY – UMH #95**

OFFERING PRAYER

Thank you for joining the celebration of Easter!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Alleluia! The risen Christ is with us!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Death is conquered! Sin's power is broken.

Praise to you, Conquering God!

We have seen your glorious miracle.

And we are yours!

....How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation:

Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name, you are worthy, worthy!

Lamb of God who died and rose again, you are worthy, worthy!

Hosanna now we sing! Hosanna now we sing!

....We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and wine, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *"All Creatures of Our God and King",
"Day of Arising", and "Amazing Grace."*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices" - UMH #304

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL**

"Thine is the Glory" - Handel

Please join us for Easter Breakfast & the Egg Hunt!