

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

May 5, 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter - *How Shall We Love* 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 Greeting Time. (indicates "Please rise in body or spirit")*

Gathering Music

Two Arabesques (Claude Debussy)

Betsy Pletscher

Welcome

Pastor Alissa

*Call to Worship - based on 1 John 3:16-24

Georgette Rogers

Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

We are branches of the Vine - sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

**We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work,
and build community with God and one another. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - UMH #384

Opening Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!

In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven! Amen!

Announcements

Choir Anthem

"Down to the Valley to Pray"

Luke Henderson

*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri - UMH #70

Epistle Reading - 1 John 4:7-21 (NRSVA)

Georgette Rogers

Message

"We Bear Fruit"

Pastor Alissa

*Hymn of Response

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" - TFWS #2223

Invitation to the Offering

The Gift of Love (setting by John Nilson)

Offertory & Doxology

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

Our God is with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... and all the company of heaven we join the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... and that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Receiving the Elements

Servers: Susan Ingalls & Nancy Brown

Music During Communion

"How Can We Name A Love" - UMH #111 (vs. 1, 3, & 4)

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" - UMH #581

Prayer after Communion

Georgette Rogers

*Sending Forth

Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music

In Thee Is Gladness (16th C. Hymn)

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Sunday News

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9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery
10:10 am	Coffee Chat	Fellowship Hall

News and Announcements

The SVUMC Mahan Memorial Scholarship is available to students attending school for an undergraduate or graduate degree during the 2024-2025 academic year. Applicant must be a member or an active constituent of SVUMC. Please call the church (509-924-7262) to request an application. Completed applications must be received by the church office by noon today, May 5th, 2024.

The quarterly Paper Drive for Naomi begins today, Sunday, May 5th, and runs through Sunday May 26th. Items like paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, and other products are needed! Bring them to the Connect Desk throughout May. For questions or more information, see the Connect Desk.

It is time once again to fill the freezer with your favorite cookies for Coffee Chat. Bring any kind of cookie you like – sugar cookies, peanut butter cookies, even oatmeal raisin! For questions, visit the Connect Desk.

Join us for a fun-filled Family Game Day on Sunday, May 19th from 11:30 am – 3:00 pm in the Gym. Plan on bringing a main dish, salad, or drinks. Dessert will be provided. We'll have cornhole, ping pong, and card games, and you're invited to bring your favorite games, too! For any questions, call Sharon Maxey at 509-953-1756.

Highland Park UMC invites you to their 73rd Annual Sukiyaki Take-Out Dinner on May 11th from 12:00 pm – 4:30 pm. You can enter a raffle for a beautiful quilt donated by Christy Toribara, try a plate of delicious food, purchase baked goods and homemade crafts, and so much more! Call 509-535-2687 or email hpadcouncil@gmail.com for questions.

Spokane Valley UMC Online Giving If you'd like to try online giving, it's easy to do through our website or using our new QR code! With online giving you can designate your gifts to two funds: 1) our general fund which supports our day to day mission and ministry, and 2) our building fund which supports the care of our church facility. You can either do a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift so you don't have to remember to write a check or send in your tithe each week or month. To access the church giving portal on your laptop or commuter, use this link - <http://spokanevalleychurch.org/give/>. To use your smartphone, hover your phone camera app over the QR code, click the generated link, and it will take you directly to our giving portal. For assistance, please connect with Pastor Alissa. Thank you for financially supporting the ministry of SVUMC!

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church is here to invite people to follow Jesus, love one another, 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

05/6 Monday

9:30 am Shirley Small
Group Rm 115
10:00 am Walkers

05/8 Wednesday

10:00 am Walkers

05/9 Thursday

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

05/11 Saturday

10:00 am Choir

05/12 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgists: Stephanie Turner-
Wilson & Kiyah Young-
Wilson
9:00 am Children's Sunday
School and Nursery
10:00 am Coffee Chat:
Thursday Crew



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