

**\*Presentation of the Newly Baptized - "Song of Baptism"**

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

*Keep him in your sight, O Lord, now and all his days.*

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

*With great joy and love for him, joined as one we pray. (repeat)*

**Commendation & Welcome**

Members of the household of God, I commend Cayde to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

**Cayde, we give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**\*Closing Hymn** "He Lives" - UMH #310

**\*Sending Forth**

**Thank you for celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ with us today! Cayde's family invites you to join us for a reception celebrating his baptism following the service in the Fellowship Center. All are welcome!**

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**Join us for our Easter Season Worship Series - How Shall We Live**

**April 7** - "*The Dawning of New Understanding*" (Communion)

John 20:19-29 - Pastor Alissa preaching

**April 14** - "*We Live in the Light*" (Hymnsing)

1 John 1:1-2:2 a - Pastor Alissa preaching

**April 21** - "*We Purify in Hope*"

1 John 3:1-7 - Pastor Alissa preaching

**April 28** - "*We Abide in Christ*"

John 15: 4, 9, & 11 - Sue Magrath preaching

**OUR PURPOSE:** 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.

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[www.spokanevalleychurch.org](http://www.spokanevalleychurch.org)*

# 2024 Easter Celebration Service – 9:00am

## *Spokane Valley United Methodist Church*

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### Gathering Music

Betsy Pletscher, Organist

### Welcome

Pastor Alissa Amestoy

### \*Call to Worship – inspired by John 20:1

Alyssa Vanos

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

**We are called to be Easter people!**

The shadows are gone. Darkness cannot claim us!

**Fear cannot bind us!**

**The dawning of resurrection life is here!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!**

### \*Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” - UMH #302

### Easter Prayer

### Announcements

### Choir Anthem “Every Morning Is Easter Morning” - Avery & Marsh

### \*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri - UMH #70

### Gospel Reading – John 20:1-18 (NRSVA)

Alyssa Vanos

### Message

“The Dawning of Resurrection Life”

### \*Hymn of Response “Up From the Grave He Arose” - UMH #322

### Invitation to the Offering

Offertory & \*Doxology - UMH #95

### \*Offering Prayer

### Service of Holy Baptism - Cayde Raymond Royal Gebhart

#### Introduction to the Service

#### Presentation of Candidates

Zack Reiber, Lay Leader

#### Renunciation of Sin & Profession of Faith

....If so, please say: **We do.**

....before you in your care? **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. (\*universal)**

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

....to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

....and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

....he may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

### Baptism with Laying on of Hands

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ!

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ!**