

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

March 24th, 2024 – Palm/Passion Sunday - *Song of the Shadows* Lenten 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 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Tune from German hymnary

Welcome & Introduction to the Service

Pastor Alissa

First Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 - Palm Procession

Luke Henderson

***Call to Worship**

Ethan Amestoy

Let us enter the city with God today and sing hosannas to our king!

**Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control,
and open our hearts to the son of God riding on a donkey.**

Let us join his parade, surrounded by those who keep to the shadows:
outcasts and prostitutes, the blind and the leper.

**Let us follow the one who brought freedom and peace through his death,
and walk in solidarity with the abandoned and oppressed.**

Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming and join his disciples,
welcoming the broken, healing the sick, dining with outcasts.

**Let us touch and see as God's Son draws near,
riding in triumph towards the cross and the dawning of eternal life!**

***Opening Hymn** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" - UMH #280

Second Reading: Matthew 16:6-13 - Jesus Anointed

Gabe Erickson

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Alissa

...Forgive us.

Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us; **remake us in your likeness;**

empty us of all that hinders us from following you **to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist.**

...This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

...Through his obedience we are freed from whatever sin enslaves us. **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements

Pastor Alissa

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

Third Reading: Matthew 26:36-46 - The Garden of Gethsemane

Kyndal Gebhart

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alissa

We trust in you O Lord: **You are our God.**

Fourth Reading: Matthew 26:47-56 - Jesus' Arrest

Theresa Meckel

***Hymn of Response** "Old Rugged Cross" – UMH #504

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Alissa

Offertory Prayer of the Matador (Norman Dello Joio)

***Doxology** UMH #95

***Offering Prayer**

Pastor Alissa

Fifth Reading: Matthew 27:11-26 - Trial and Sentencing

C.J. Amestoy

Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" - UMH #298 (vs. 1&2)

Sixth Reading - Matthew 27:27-44 - Jesus is crucified

Linda Hansen

Final Reading - Matthew 27:45-56 - Jesus Dies

Mike Lambert

Introduction to "Agnus Dei"

Pastor Alissa

Choir Anthem "Agnus Dei" - Martin

Luke Henderson

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Alissa

***Sending Forth Music** "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Crosby/Doane

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Sunday News

March 24th, 2024

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery
10:10am	Coffee Chat	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Confirmation Class	Youth Room

News and Announcements

Inland District Choir in 2024, join us today at 4:00 p.m. Singers from around the Inland District will come together at Spokane Valley UMC to usher in Holy Week with the cantata "Song of the Shadows" by Joseph Martin. You do not have to be a member of our choir to participate! Reception will be at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us at 10:15 a.m. after Easter service for our Children's Egg Hunt.

Broadway Teachers Soup and Salad Luncheon—March 26th

If you would like to help, by bringing a pot of soup, a salad or cookies, Sign up at the Connect Desk on Sundays—March 24th.

Good Friday Service - March 29 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Please join us for a Tenebrae-style service remembering the death of our Lord. As we read the story of his Passion, receive "The Reproaches" (Christ's Lament Against His Faithless Church), and listen as the choir sings the final piece of the *Song of the Shadows* cantata, "Even the Heavens Are Weeping", we will slowly extinguish candles one by one until only the Christ Candle remains to bear its light in the shadow of death. All are welcome.

Easter Sunday Celebration & Baptism of Cayde Gebhart - March 31 at 9am

Please join us in celebrating the dawning of resurrection life as Jesus rises triumphant over the powers of death! As we rejoice that the shadows of Lent have cleared and that the Son shines victorious, we will sing our "Hallelujahs" and come to the waters of baptism as Cayde Raymond Royal Gebhart is baptized! We encourage you to invite your friends and family for the powerful day of worship!

Senior Lunch Bunch, sign up at the Connect Desk Sunday March 31, for Senior Lunch Bunch at Darcy's April 7th at 11:45 a.m. or call Nancy Ashworth, 509 993 9074. Please call to cancel if you are unable to attend.

If you want to learn more about SVUMC or are interested in becoming a member. Join us for our new members class that will be held on April 14th at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

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 other, 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

03/25 Monday

9:30 a.m. Shirley Small
Group Rm 115
10:00 a.m. Walkers
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl FPR

03/26 Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Huddle

03/27 Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Disciple 7 Rm 115
10:00 a.m. Walkers
6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Rm 115

03/28 Thursday

9:00 a.m. Thursday Crew
10:00 a.m. Marlene Small
Group FPR
12:00 p.m. 55+ Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Lois Small Group
FPR

03/30 Saturday

10:00 a.m. Choir

03/31 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service
Liturgist: Alyssa Vanos
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday
School and Nursery
10:00 a.m. Coffee Chat
Madelyn Bafus
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday
School FPR



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