

# SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost – *Love One Another 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

Zachary Bjurstrom

## Welcome

Pastor Alissa

## \*Call to Worship

Nancy Brown

We come to worship today to remember that we are called to love one another.

**We are grateful that our lives are part of the fabric of Love Itself.**

We bring both joy and grief, just as the disciples felt at the thought of losing Jesus.

**All of our feelings are held in the love of God.**

One thing is true: no matter how different we may seem,  
we all grieve those we have loved that are no longer with us  
and we all celebrate the joys that life in the Spirit brings.

**Help us to live in the compassionate truth that in this we are truly...**

as neighbors,

**as neighbors.**

Not "others."

**Not "others."**

## \*Opening Hymn

"Welcome" – W&S #3152

Zachary Bjurstrom

## Opening Prayer

Pastor Alissa

## Announcements

## Traditional Choir

How Can I Keep from Singing (Lowry/Black)

Betsy Pletscher

## \*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Zachary Bjurstrom

*At this time, Elementary-aged kids (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to meet our Sunday School teachers in the back if they would like to participate in Sunday School.*

## Gospel Reading

John 16:1; 12-13a; 20-22 (The Inclusive Bible)

Nancy Brown

## Message

"Grieving to Rejoicing"

Pastor Alissa

## \*Hymn of Response

"How Can We Name a Love" – UMH #111

Zachary Bjurstrom

## Ministry that Matters Moment: Partners INW

Madelyn Bafus

## Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Alissa

## Offertory

Zachary Bjurstrom

## \*Doxology

*Alternate lyrics set to UMH #94—follow along with the words onscreen.*

## \*Offering Prayer

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Pastor Alissa

*Follow along with the words onscreen.*

## \*Sending Hymn

"God of Day and God of Darkness" – URWB #201 (vs. 1-4)

Zachary Bjurstrom

## \*Sending Forth

*(sung to the tune Beecher – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (UMH #384)*

Pastor Alissa

## Sending Forth Music

Zachary Bjurstrom

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# SUNDAY NEWS

## October 18

|          |                          |           |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 9:00 am  | Worship                  | Sanctuary |
| 9:00 am  | Children's Sunday School | Room 210  |
| 9:00 am  | Nursery                  | Room 202  |
| 10:30 am | Adult Sunday School      | FPR       |

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This month at the Connect Desk**, we'll be collecting wrapped candy for Broadway Elementary School's Trunk or Treat! You can also sign up to help with games and activities at this event.

**Walking in Grace devotionals are on sale today** at the Connect Center! You can purchase a book with Shirley for \$20. For any questions, please see Shirley Porter.

**All month long, UWF will be holding a book sale** during Coffee Chat. Free will donations will be accepted as payment. For any questions, please see Madelyn Bafus.

**Our 2026 Charge Conference will be October 20 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.** All members are encouraged and invited to attend our annual Charge Conference where we have a short time of devotion focused on the Annual Conference theme of "Love Boldly" followed by a time of business. We will take a vote on our candidates for ministry as well as the 2027 Nominations, Budget, and Pastoral Support Worksheet. Packets are available to pick up after worship today. For questions, please contact Pastor Alissa.

**Sign up to Volunteer!** We need two more soups and a salad for the Broadway Teacher's Luncheon on 10/21; if you would like to supply some food, make sure to visit the Connect Desk to sign up! We also need volunteers for Broadway Elementary's Fall Festival on 10/22. Pass out candy and help with games, and meet the families and kids at Broadway!

**Save the Date for Dot Burdette's Memorial** - We will celebrate Dot's life on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 11am in the Sanctuary with a lunch reception to follow in the Fellowship Center. All are invited to attend.

**SVUMC has a new website!** You might have noticed that our website has a new look. We also have a new giving platform that makes online giving fast, easy, and secure. You can check out the QR code to the left or visit our website at [spokanevalleychurch.org/give](https://spokanevalleychurch.org/give). If you are a recurring online donor, your gifts will need to be set up using the new platform; we will get in touch with more information. If you run into any trouble with the change, please call the church office at 509-924-7262. Thank you for your financial support of Spokane Valley United Methodist Church!

*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

## 10/19 Monday

9:30 am Shirley's group (115)  
11:00 am Quilters (125)  
11:30 am Adult Education Meeting (115)  
2:00 pm Nancy Larson's group (201)

## 10/20 Tuesday

10:00 am Touched by Cancer (FPR)  
2:30 pm Finance (FPR)  
6:00 pm Charge Conference (Sanctuary)

## 10/21 Wednesday

9:30 am Disciple 4 (115)

## 10/22 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew  
11:00 am Susan's Audiobook Club (201)  
1:00 pm Lois' small group (115)

## 10/24 Saturday

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)

## 10/25 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service  
Liturgist: Choir  
10:00 am Coffee Chat  
UWF

### Livestream notice:

*Our Sunday worship services at Spokane Valley UMC are live-streamed so our homebound members and online community can join us. By sitting on the Chancel or in the front six pews, you acknowledge that you may be filmed and/or photographed. Images and audio may be published on our website, social media, and streaming platforms. For more information, contact Pastor Alissa.*

### Prayer Requests:

*If you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team, fill out 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.*