

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 6th, 2026 – Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost – *Disability Awareness Sunday*

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—inspired by Psalm 66

Claudia Michael

Make a joyful noise to God! Sing glory to the One who made all things!

How awesome are the deeds of the Great Creator!

We are all God's children. We all have unique gifts and graces.

On this Disability Awareness Sunday, we especially give thanks
for the gifts and graces of the disabled community.

May we learn from one another and honor the blessing of different abilities.

Holy Spirit, please enter our hearts and our time of worship.

Help us to be a truly inclusive and welcoming place for all God's children.

Let all the earth worship the Lord in love and unity!

*Opening Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" – UMH #89

Zachary Bjurstrom

Opening Prayer

Ann Holmquist

Announcements

Special Music

I Stand All Amazed (Charles Gabriel)

Bruce Butler

*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Zachary Bjurstrom

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

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-11 (The Inclusive Bible)

Steve Ross

Message

"Seeing in a New Way"

Pastor Alissa

*Hymn of Response

"Blessed Assurance" – UMH #369

Zachary Bjurstrom

Invitation to the Offering

Cindi Plowman

Offertory

Zachary Bjurstrom

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer

Cindi Plowman

The Great Thanksgiving for Disability Awareness Sunday

Pastor Alissa & Megan Herdrich

Follow along with the words onscreen.

Music During Communion

"One Bread, One Body" – UMH #620

Zachary Bjurstrom

"Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother" – TFWS #2225

Prayer After Communion

Megan Herdrich

*Sending Forth

Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music

Zachary Bjurstrom

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SUNDAY NEWS

September 6

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Room 202

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month at the Connect Desk, we'll be collecting winter clothing items for Shalom Ministries. You can bring new socks, gloves, hats, scarves, and men's and women's underwear, as well as new or gently used winter coats and blankets to the Connect Desk throughout September.

Join us after the service today in Room 115 as we look back at our favorite summer devotionals from *Walking in Grace*!

Today is the final day to sign up for the 2026 Inland District United Women in Faith Annual Gathering! Join us September 12 at Simpson UMC in Pullman, WA for a day of "Soul Care" with your sisters in Christ. You'll even get a chance to hear a day early from our missionary Katherine Parker about her important work in Nepal! Registration forms are at the Connect Desk.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Do you have children's books at home you're not using any longer? Quynh Parlane would like to give them to multi-lingual students learning English! You can bring your gently used books to Pastor Alissa on Sunday mornings this month.

Next week we will welcome Katherine Parker, UM Missionary to Nepal! She has put out an appeal to help those impacted by the recent mudslides and flooding and encourages donations to Nepal Flood Emergency Relief 2026. Their aim is simple: to help families who have suddenly lost so much meet their most immediate needs with dignity and begin taking their first steps towards recovery. To donate, visit: www.umn.org.np/nepalflood26/

We need cookies for Coffee Chat! The first Coffee Chat of Fall begins on September 13 with a Cinnamon Roll sale, and then after we need to have cookies on deck. You can bring any kind you like to share! For any questions, see Margie Manfred.

Church Council will gather on September 20 at 11 AM in the Chapel to receive Shawna Beese's call story and to vote on a recommendation for her candidacy.

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

9/7 Monday

Office closed

9/8 Tuesday

9:00 am Huddle (FPR)
12:30 pm Esther Circle (115)

9/9 Wednesday

9:30 am Disciple 4 (115)

9/10 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew
11:00 am Rachel Circle (FPR)

9/13 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgists: UWF
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.



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