

# SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost – *Lessons in Leadership 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

Ann Holmquist

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

**Therefore, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.**

Every word of truth has been given that we may know God's purpose for us.

**Therefore, let us be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.**

Every part of the perfect law of liberty guides us to persevere in our doing of God's will.

**Therefore, let us keep our hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord!**

## \*Opening Hymn

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

Zachary Bjurstrom

(tune: "Hyrfyrdol" – UMH #196)

## Opening Prayer—adapted from UMH #69 Prayer "For True Singing"

Pastor Alissa

## Announcements

## Hymnsing

Wes Holmquist

## \*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.*

## Epistle Reading

James 1:17-26 (CEB)

Ann Holmquist

## Message

"Lessons in Leadership: Listen"

Pastor Alissa

## \*Hymn of Response

"Come and Find the Quiet Center" – TFWS #2128

Zachary Bjurstrom

## Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Alissa

## Offertory

Zachary Bjurstrom

### \*Doxology

UMH #95

### \*Offering Prayer

## Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Pastor Alissa

*Follow along with the words onscreen.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## \*Sending Hymn

"The Servant Song" – TFWS #222

Zachary Bjurstrom

## \*Sending Forth

Pastor Alissa

## Sending Forth Music

Zachary Bjurstrom

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# SUNDAY NEWS

## August 30

|         |                          |           |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 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.

### 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.

**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.

**If you'd like to dive deeper into understanding spiritual gifts** and learning what it means to be a spiritual leader, you might be the perfect candidate for the Lay Servant Ministries Advanced Course, "Discover Your Spiritual Gifts," led by Dr. Shawna Beese, Certified Lay Speaker. This course will read through *Each One a Minister* by William J. Carter and will meet over Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning September 15. The link to register is on the pnwumc.org website under "Events." If the class is full, you can email Rev. Sheila Miranda at smiranda@pnwumc.org to reserve a spot on the waitlist.

**Disciple class is starting up again** on September 9! Sign ups are at the Connect Desk. The study is called "Under the Tree of Life," focusing on The Writings, John, and Revelation. You don't need to have taken any previous Disciple classes to join. For any questions, see Madelyn Bafus.

*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

## 9/1 Tuesday

10:00 am SPR (FPR)

## 9/3 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew  
11:00 am Susan's  
Audiobook Club (201)

## 9/6 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service  
Liturgists & Communion  
Servers: Disability &  
Inclusion Team Members

### 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 our 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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