SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 25th, 2026 – Twenty-second Sunday of Pentecost – *All Music 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

Invitation to Joy Betsy Pletscher

***Call to Worship** Sue McGovney

The wisdom of God teaches that we are born and we die, but in the midst of life is the promise spoken
By Jesus who says: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly!"

We come today to receive this abundant life!

We come to throw open our hearts to God's goodness.

This is not an ordinary life.
This is a life overflowing with peace, rooted in grace, and bursting with unspeakable joy!

Our cups run over! We trade our weariness for praise, and our sorrow for gladness.

Come, let us worship the Good Shepherd
who gives us everything we need and more than we could ever ask.

Let us praise the Lord with expressions of joy!

Let us celebrate the abundant life we have in Christ! Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Amazing Grace" – UMH #378 Zachary Bjurstrom

Opening Prayer – by Archbishop Desmond Tutu Pastor Alissa

Announcements

Hymn "Gather Us In" – TFWS #2237 Zachary Bjurstrom

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

The Nature of True Joy Betsy Pletscher

Hymn "Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace" Jonathan Parlane

The Obstacles of Joy Are Real Betsy Pletscher

Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" – TFWS #2152 Zachary Bjurstrom

Naming the Obstacles of Joy Betsy Pletscher

Choir Anthem "Surely Goodness & Mercy"

Eight Pillars of Joy – Qualities of the Mind

Special Music "What the World Needs Now is Love" - Bacharach Zachary Bjurstrom

Hymn "Take, O Take Me As I Am" – W&S #3119

Eight Pillars of Joy – Qualities of the Heart Betsy Pletscher

Choir Anthem "It Is Well With My Soul" – UMH #377

Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – UMH #140 Zachary Bjurstrom

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Alissa

Offertory "If I Stand" Quynh & Jonathan Parlane

***Doxology** Zachary Bjurstrom

***Offering Prayer**

***Sending Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" – UMH #89 Zachary Bjurstrom

***Sending Forth** Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music Zachary Bjurstrom

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SUNDAY NEWS

October 25

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

At the Connect Desk in November, we'll be collecting boys' and girls' pants and shirts for MCOC's Children's Christmas Joy event! Clothing from sizes infant through 6th grade is welcome; long sleeve shirts and pants sized 10-12 are especially needed.

***Walking in Grace* devotionals are sold out!** If you missed out on getting your own copy, it's not too late to order one. See Shirley Porter at the Connect Desk through November 15 to order a copy; it comes in hardback and paperback regular print, as well as large print. The cost for both is $20.

We are seeking someone to serve as our Financial Secretary! If you have gifting for accounting, willingness to use a computer, and availability during the week to count and deposit our Sunday offering and donations, please contact Pastor Alissa or Gerry Bafus. This role includes service on our Financial Resources Team and partnering with our office staff to send out mid-year end of year giving statements. After several years in this role, Desiree Forster is faithfully concluding her season of service. Please join us in thanking her!

Today is the last day the 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.

On November 1, grab a cup of coffee after church and join us in Room 115 about 10:20 am to enjoy some fellowship and a short discussion on October devotions from the *Walking in Grace* devotional book. Please join and come share!

Pastor Alissa is out of the office this week for the Two Year Academy on Spiritual Formation. If you need pastoral care, please call the office at 509-924-7262.

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. 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

10/26 Monday
9:30 am Shirley's group (115)
10:00 am Prayer Shawl & Lap Blanket Ministry (123)
2:00 pm Nancy Larson's group (201)

10/27 Tuesday
9:00 am Huddle (213)

10/28 Wednesday
9:30 am Disciple 4 (115)

10/29 Thursday
9:00 am Thursday Crew
11:00 am Susan's Audiobook Club (201)
1:00 pm Lois' small group (115)

10/31 Saturday
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)

11/1 Sunday
9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Tracey Partridge
Communion Servers: Nancy Olds, Andrea Henderson, & Susan Henderson
10:00 am Coffee Chat
Finance

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.