

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 12, 2025~9:30 A.M.

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The sun chased the darkness from the sky.

This day has come to claim its fractional share of eternity and so have we.

We want to say “yes” to new beginnings.

Yes, to the Comforter.

Yes, to the healing.

Yes to the Son of Man

Yes to the challenges.

Yes to Life!

HYMN.....“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”UMH #139, vs. 1, 2, 5

UNISON PRAYER

I heard the piping but did not dance:

I heard the wailing, but did not mourn.

Wrapped tightly in my own world,

I heard with ears, but not with my heart

Forgive me Lord,

In your symphony of life, I want to go with the high notes and the low.

Responding to each sound in the total song,

**Playing your music
Letting the sound of your life
be the refrain that repeats itself in my life
extending to all the lives that my life touches. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE *Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.*

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Unison

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

With these gifts, O God, we acknowledge that You are the author of life; all that we have received from our families, our church, and the world points to Your everlasting love. Accept we pray, as a part of our worship, these tangible evidences of our gratitude and concern. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Robert Hunter

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, this is what the LORD says—
he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
Cush and Seba in your stead.
Since you are precious and honored in my sight,
and because I love you,
I will give people in exchange for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
I will bring your children from the east
and gather you from the west.
I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'
and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'
Bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

**THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!
THANKS BE TO GOD!**

HYMN....."I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"TFWS #2051

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his

threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

MESSAGE.....“Baptism, Spirit and Servanthood”Rev. Robert Hunter

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN.....“Spirit Song”UMH #347

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court: Margaret Dahnert

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, family and friends of Gloria Rollag, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, Tom Kuyper, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Blayne Klassen, Anna Born, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews.

Faith's Blessing Box – Just a reminder that we are continuously collecting donations of non-perishable food items and cash donations for Faith's Blessing Box (**please no glass jars, no expired items and, during winter months, no canned goods**).

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, January 20.

2025 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the narthex. If you do not have offering envelopes but would like some, please let Stacy know.

Please note that Pastor Dong will be out of the office January 7 through 13 attending a J-Term course at Emory University for his Doctorate of Ministry. Pastor Dong will also be out of the office on January 14 to attend an onboarding session at New City Church in Minneapolis.

We need volunteers to sign up to serve fellowship. Please consider signing up.

The next newsletter will be mailed out the end of January. There was not enough material to put together a January newsletter. January calendars with birthdays and helpers can be picked up in the narthex. If you come across something you feel would be good to include in the newsletter, please submit it to Stacy. The newsletter deadline is typically the third Monday of the month, but you can submit articles at any time. Material that is not date sensitive can be held for a future newsletter.

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, January 14 at 1:00 in the Gathering Room.

UWF Sunday will be on Sunday, January 26. Deaconess, Cindy Saufferer, will be the speaker.

The first Leadership Team meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Room.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

01/12/2025 (Sun.) 9:30am – Worship Service
 10:30am – Fellowship

01/14/2025 (Tues.) 1:00pm – Ruth Circle (Gathering Room)

01/19/2025 (Sun.) 9:30am – Worship Service
 10:30am – Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am to 1:00pm

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm

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