

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 14, 2024~9:30 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

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

For through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. (Ephesians 2:17-18)

HYMN....."Praise to the Lord, the Almighty".....UMH #139, vs. 1, 2, 3

UNISON PRAYER

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and to not count the cost; to fight and not to head the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, except that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. The Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL All children are invited to attend Sunday school at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

ANTHEM....."Here I Am, Lord".....Faith Choir

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

Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; ourselves, our time, and our possessions, all which are signs of your love. Through your love and wisdom, may these gifts bless others with hope, peace, and joy and life in Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Bob Hunter

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the

boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN....."To God Be the Glory"UMH #98

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Jon Schultz

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before

Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

MESSAGE..... "Genuine"Pastor Jon Schultz

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..... "Take My Life, and Let It Be"UMH #399

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: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Deene Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, family and friends of Margaret Hasslen, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pick up your 2024 offering envelopes if you have not already done so. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like some, please let Stacy know. We do have extra boxes available.

Reminder: Big Breakfast at VFW and Bake Sale on JAN. 28th sponsored by Waseca County Caregiver Services. United Women in Faith are bringing bake sale items. (Morning of, after 8:00am, or drop off at WACS on Fri. am before sale).

Thanks and Happy Eating!

Elizabeth Circle is meeting this **Wednesday, January 17 at 2:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room.

We could use more volunteers to serve as liturgist to read scripture on Sundays. We currently have six volunteers who rotate. If we could get a few more volunteers, the rotation would be once every eight weeks or so. You would be emailed the bulletin the Thursday before your scheduled Sunday so you know what you are reading ahead of time. Our schedule is covered through the end of February. It would be great to get some more names added to the next schedule. If you feel called to serve in this capacity, please let Stacy know and she can add you to the schedule. Thank you!

Please note Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, January 15.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

01/14/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship
1/15/2024 (Mon.)	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
01/17/2024 (Wed.)	2:30 PM - Elizabeth Circle (*LV Room) 7:00 pm - Choir Practice (*LV Room)
01/21/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

Pastor's Office Hours this Week:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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