

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 21, 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....."The Summons".....TFWS #2130, vs. 1, 2, 5

UNISON PRAYER

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world, and to preach the gospel to every creature, let your name be great among the nations from the rising up of the sun to it's going down, now and forever. Amen. Lancelot Andrewes, 16th cent.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM....."With All My Heart: Medley".....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

Loving God, faithful and gracious forever, You love us more than we love ourselves. You call us to walk with Jesus, and to be more than we ever thought possible. Take our gifts. Receive our thanks. Accept our praise: through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Les Wells

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN....."I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"TFWS #2129

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Jon Schultz

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

MESSAGE....."Live Bait"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....."Blest Be the Tie That Binds"UMH #557, vs. 1, 2, 3

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, 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!

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!

If you were unable to attend the January 11 meeting to hear the Conversations at the Crossroads report and would like to get a copy of the report, please let Stacy know.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

01/21/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship
1/22/2024 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
01/24/2024 (Wed.)	7:00 pm - Choir Practice (*LV Room)
01/28/2024 (Sun.)	PANCAKE SUNDAY 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 AM - Sunday School 10:30 am- Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, 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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