

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023~9:30 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/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

What does the Lord require of you,  
but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?

UNISON PRAYER

**Wrap us in the arms of your love, Holy One, for we need to feel your healing touch. As we gather to worship you this day, humble our hearts, teach us patience, and touch us with kindness. Open our eyes, that we may see ourselves as you see us. Open our hearts to your Spirit of gentleness, that our words may be true and our love may be pure. Bind us in a love that does not fail or fade, that we may bear all thanks believe all things, and hopes all things in your love, which never ends. Amen**

HYMN....."Near to the Heart of God".....UMH #472

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

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 to Worship".....Faith Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

O Lord  
Hear Our Prayer

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

OFFERING PRAYER

**We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen**

HYMN....."Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling".....UMH #348

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

**Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

### **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish

things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

This the Word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

**Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."The Old Rugged Cross" .....UMH #504

BENEDICTION

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:** Joe Tollefson, Shirley Burdick

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Leona Quast, Wilda Smith

**Foxdale:** Lucille Kubista, Keith Smith

**Benedictine Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Sue Baldini, Tom Kuyper, Roger Groskreutz and family, Kara Ecoff, Tim Dahnert, Wilda Smith, Keith Smith government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are at risk and most vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to printing and supply chain issues with our supplier, 2023 offering envelopes will not arrive until later in January or February. Thank you for your patience as we wait for them to be shipped.

Also, to save on cost and waste, we ordered less envelopes than past years. If you are used to having an envelope number that is higher than 75, you will receive a new number. We will be assigning new numbers sometime in January, once we are sure final offerings for 2022 have been received.

If you were unable to have your picture taken in December for the photo directory, you may submit a picture to the church office for the directory. Printed or digital images are accepted. Digital images may be emailed to [faithwaseca@gmail.com](mailto:faithwaseca@gmail.com). If you submit a printed photo, the guidelines they have given are that the photo must be printed on photo paper and must be a vertical photo in either wallet or 4 x 6 in size. We are able to submit up to 8 photos free of charge. The cost after 8 is \$15.00 per photo.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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01/23/2023 (Sun.)      9:30 am - Worship Service  
                                 10:00 am - Sunday School  
                                 10:30 am - Fellowship

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01/23/2023 (Mon.)      3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)

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01/25/2023 (Wed.)      7:00 pm - Choir Practice

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01/26/2023 (Thur.)      10:30 am - Bible Study

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01/29/2023 (Sun.)      9:30 am - Worship Service  
                                 10:30 am - Fellowship

\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall

### **Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

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

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