

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**January 26, 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

Jesus called together the disciples and a great multitude to a level place. There he touched, healed, and taught. There he spoke, "Blessed are..." There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.

**O God, call us together as you did those so long ago to discover your blessed people.**

Today, in this place, Christ gather us.

**Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody the blessed saints of God. Christ, come among us. Amen!**

HYMN.....“How Great Thou Art” .....UMH #77

UNISON PRAYER

**We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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

**Faithful God, who calls us to follow and empowers us by your Spirit, we bring these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they be used to proclaiming good news, set the oppressed free, and bring sight to the blind. Transform our offerings into acts of love and justice that reflect the mission of Jesus in this world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Linda Griffin

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## Philippians 2:1-7

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

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

HYMN.....“For the Beauty of the Earth” .....UMH #92

INTRODUCTION TO GUEST SPEAKER.....Roberta Walker

MESSAGE.....“Just...” .....Deaconess Cindy Saufferer

PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION.....Karen Ferch

### 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.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” .....UMH #140

### 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, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, Tom Kuyper, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Blayne Klassen, Anna Born, Barb Klampe, Sandy Voshell, 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**).

Barb Klampe will be gone through Sunday, February 9 recovering from knee surgery. She hopes to return on February 16. Please pray for Barb's quick recovery.

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

Newsletter folding is scheduled for this Thursday, January 30 at 1:00pm in the Hansel & Gretel room. If you are available to help, the folding group would appreciate some extra helping hands.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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01/26/2025 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service (UWF Sunday) 10:30am – Fellowship
01/28/2025 (Tues.)	7:00pm – Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
01/30/2025 (Thurs.)	1:00pm – Newsletter Folding (Hansel & Gretel Room)
02/02/2025 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am – Fellowship

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\*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:**

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

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