

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 4, 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

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, **may your Word be heard.**

In the meditations of our hearts, **may your Word be known.**

In the faithfulness of our lives, **may your Word be shown. Amen.**

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

UNISON PRAYER

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness. Come, my Life, and revive me from death. Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds. Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of thy love. Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there. For thou alone art my King and Lord. Amen. Dimitri of Rostov, Russia, 17th cent.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM....."Shout to the North".....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

Lord Jesus, we offer our gifts and ask for your wisdom and the Holy Spirit to guide us so that we may effectively proclaim your Good News to our community through the ministries of this church. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Linda Griffin

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules.
Praise the LORD!

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

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

HYMN.....“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”UMH #474

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Jon Schultz

Mark 1:29-39

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

MESSAGE....."Your Honor"Pastor Jon Schultz

HOLY COMMUNION

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....."He Touched Me"UMH #367

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, Linda Griffin, Carver Wright, Peggy Deno, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, February 11, after worship service, we will be having a potluck in honor of Bob Stephan to thank him for his years of service to Faith Church. Please bring a dish to share.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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.

There is also a need for additional communion stewards to assist with communion the first Sunday of the month. This also has a rotated schedule. There is an easy instruction sheet to follow and current stewards will assist in training you.

If you feel called to serve in either of these capacities, please let Stacy know. Thank you!

United Women in Faith Exec Board Meeting **FEB.12th at 10:00** in the Lakeview Room.
Thanks for coming.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, February 12.

We will have an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday Lenten soup lunches will begin on Wednesday, February 21 and will be held through Wednesday, March 20. The lunches will be served at Christian Assembly church, 900 14th Ave. SE.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

02/04/2024 (Sun.)	BIRTHDAY SUNDAY 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship
02/05/2024 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
02/07/2024 (Wed.)	7:00 pm - Choir Practice (*LV Room)
02/11/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service (DS Woojae Im Preaching) 10:30 am- Fellowship - Bob Stephan Thank You Potluck

*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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