

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 5th, 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

Happy are those who worship the Lord and delight in God's precepts.

They rise before dawn as a light to the upright.

They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

They shine their light before others for all the world to see.

They will never be moved. Let this be our worship.

HYMN....."This Little Light of Mine"UMH #585

UNISON PRAYER

You do not desire a fast of sackcloth and ashes, but a fast of righteous. You ask us to loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke. And set the caregivers free. Train our hearts to do what is right, O God, not what is easy. May we live our days among the righteous, that we may never be moved. But dwell secure in your mercy and your grace. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

O God,
whose wisdom surpasses our understanding.

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....."The Battle Hymn of the Republic".....UMH #717, vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5

SCRIPTURE READING.....Bob Hunter

Isaiah 58:9-12

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
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the restorer of streets to live in.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

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This the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

Matthew 5:13-20

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN....."Be Thou My Vision".....UMH #451

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

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista, Keith Smith

Benedictine Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, 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

2023 Offering Envelope Update: We have been informed that our 2023 offering envelopes will not be shipped until late February. The company is short staffed and has had supply chain and equipment issues. If you have old envelopes, you may use them and just cross out the date and write the current date. Or, you may use the envelopes in the back of the pews. Thank you for your patience as we wait for them to be shipped.

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. 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. Please submit photos by February 15.

UWF News:

UWF Sunday and Installation of Officers is next Sunday, February 12.

UWF Executive Board will meet on **Monday, February 13 at 10:00 am.**

UWF Unit Meeting will be on **Monday, February 20 at 1:00 pm.** The program is Valentine Party. Hostess is Elizabeth Circle.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

02/05/2023 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship
02/06/2023 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
02/08/2023 (Wed.)	7:00 pm - Choir Practice
02/12/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service/UWF Sunday 10:00 am - Sunday School 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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