

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**February 9, 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

Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

**God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

**God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone! Today we answer Christ's call together!

**God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go! Amen.**

HYMN.....“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” .....UMH #64

UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious God, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Through your Spirit, we rest in the assurance of your acceptance. Help us to acknowledge your grace in the present moment and trust in you for our future. We come together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. We ask this in Jesus' Name. 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 into the deep waters of faith and trust, we offer these gifts with open hearts. Transform our offerings into acts of love and service, so that we may draw others into your embrace. Guide us to live deeply and follow Christ's call to be fishers of people in your abundant grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

**Psalm 138**

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;  
before the "gods" I will sing your praise.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and will praise your name  
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,  
for you have so exalted your solemn decree  
that it surpasses your fame.  
When I called, you answered me;  
you greatly emboldened me.  
May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,  
when they hear what you have decreed.

May they sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for the glory of the LORD is great.  
Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
though lofty, he sees them from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life.  
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;  
with your right hand you save me.  
The LORD will vindicate me;  
your love, LORD, endures forever—  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

### **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

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

HYMN.....“Amazing Grace” .....UMH #378, vs. 1-4

**Luke 5:1-11**

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

MESSAGE....."Life is an Encounter" .....Rev. Dong Hun Shin

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

## 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

**Lakeshore Inn:** Sandy Voshell

**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, 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**). If you would like to donate food items, suggested items at this time are pouched meat, ramen noodles, oatmeal or other hot cereals, and regular cereal (smaller boxes or bags of cereal so they will fit in the pantry). Thank you!

Thank you for the calls and cards and Pastor Dong for the prayers. My knee replacement went well. I'm still dealing with some pain but I am getting along better. I will see you soon.

*Barb Klampe*

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 11 at 1:00 in the Gathering Room.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, February 17.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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02/09/2025 (Sun.)      9:30am – Worship Service  
                                 10:30am – Fellowship

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02/11/2025 (Tues.)    1:00pm – Ruth Circle (Gathering Room)

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02/16/2025 (Sun.)      9:30am – Worship Service  
                                 10:30am – Fellowship

\*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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