

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 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

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

That he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. Isaiah 2:5, 3c

HYMN....."This Is My Father's World".....UMH #144

UNISON PRAYER

God, our Rock, our refuge, our resting place, we come to you. Out of another busy week of work, out of our struggles to be meaningful in our world, out of our desire to meet you and know you as the center of our being, we welcome you, our unmovable Rock of our security. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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....."Walk With Me, Lord".....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

Father, wherever we look, from next door to far away, we see the places where your creation groans. May these gifts be a faithful response to those cries. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Les Wells

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN..... "Trust and Obey"UMH #467, vs. 1, 2, 4

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Jon Schultz

1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an

appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

MESSAGE....."Remember Your Baptism"Pastor Jon Schultz

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....."Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"UMH #361, vs. 1, 2, 3

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, Kathy Dahnert, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth Circle will be meeting **Wednesday, February 21 at 2:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room. Guests and visitors welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are still seeking more volunteers to serve as liturgists, communion stewards and ushers.

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

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, February 19 and Wednesday, March 6.

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.

United Women in Faith Sunday Feb. 25, 2024

Come and Support UWF Leadership. Find out who are our special recognition women.

Celebrate Our Mission Together!! All Welcome

All Church Spring Luncheon Steering Committee Meeting - **March 4th at 10:00** in the Lakeview Room- Everyone Welcome

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who helped with my potluck Retirement Party. Thank you very much for all the cards and gifts and well wishes. Greatly Appreciated.

Bob

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

02/18/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Fellowship
02/19/2024 (Mon.)	<i>Administrative Assistant Out of the Office</i> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 3:00-4:30 pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
02/20/2024 (Tues.)	7:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
02/21/2024 (Wed.)	12:00 pm – Lenten Lunch @ Christian Assembly Church 2:30 pm – Elizabeth Circle (*LV Room) 7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
02/25/2024 (Sun.)	PANCAKE SUNDAY 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:
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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