

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY
February 25, 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

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. Mark 8:34b-35

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

UNISON PRAYER

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

AN ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UWF OFFICERS

SPECIAL MUSIC....."The Cross Where Jesus Gave His Life".....Jarod True

CONGRATULATORY GREETINGS AND PASSING THE PEACE

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.....“Kumbaya”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

God of Grace and Glory, we offer these gifts as a testimony of our faith. Use these gifts so that we may see another as you envision us-faithful followers. As we continue in this time of worship, we seek now the sanctuary of your comforting peace. In the name of the Resurrected Healer, Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my

covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN..... “Faith of Our Fathers”UMH #710

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Jon Schultz

Mark 8:31-9:1

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise

again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

MESSAGE....."Kingdom Power"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....."Standing on the Promises"UMH #374, vs. 1, 3, 4

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Wednesday, March 6.

Wednesday Lenten soup lunches are being served at Christian Assembly church through Wednesday, March 20.

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

02/25/2024 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service – UWF Sunday 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Fellowship
02/26/2024 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
02/28/2024 (Wed.)	12:00 pm – Lenten Lunch @ Christian Assembly Church 7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
03/03/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am- Fellowship

*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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