

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.

**God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on the way.**

As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to become a new creation.

**Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through him.**

From where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Who is our keeper?

**The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.**

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

HYMN....."Living for Jesus" .....TFWS #2149

UNISON PRAYER

**God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown, until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen**

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

ANTHEM....."Love Lifted Me" .....Faith Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

O Lord,  
Hear Our Prayer

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

**Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen**

HYMN....."Blessed Assurance" .....UMH #369

SCRIPTURE READING.....Edy Barber

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

## **Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

## **Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants 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, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, 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.

This the Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

**John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HOLY COMMUNION

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

**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, 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**

**New Update on Offering Envelopes:** We have now been informed that our 2023 offering envelopes will not be shipped until sometime in March. You may keep using old envelopes if you have them, 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 continued patience.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on **Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17.**

Lenten Lunches will be held on Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church beginning on March 1. There is no cost, but a free will donation is greatly appreciated!

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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03/05/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship
03/06/2023 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
03/08/2023 (Wed.)	12:00 pm - Lenten Lunch (Grace Lutheran) 7:00 pm - Choir Practice
03/09/2023 (Thurs.)	10:30 am - Bible Study
03/11/2023 (Sat.)	8:00 am - Vada Benefit Garage Sale (**FH)
03/12/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall

### **Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

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