

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8th, 2020~9:30 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

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/ WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....“O How He Loves You and Me”TFWS No. 2108

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....“Psalm 121”.....

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

All: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

L: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

All: 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 forth and forevermore.

HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Freely, Freely”.....UMH No. 389

ANTHEM.....“Here Is Love”Faith Choir

KIDS TIME.....“Sowing Seeds”

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Make Me a Servant”.....TFWS No. 2176

SCRIPTURE READING.....**John 6:22-71**

22 On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. 23 Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” 26 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” 28 Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” 30 So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” 32 Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— 46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. 56 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." 59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" 61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." 71 He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."Feasting on Jesus".....Pastor Victor

OFFERATORY

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Give Thanks"..... TFWS No. 2036

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE....."I Have Decided to Follow Jesus".....TFWS No. 2119

SENDING FORTH

*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life.
John 6:47*

EXIT MUSIC

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:

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Colony Court: Muriel Jenkins

Foxdale Memory Care: Gordy Miller, Gloria and Joe Tollefson

Lakeshore Inn: Liz Corchran, Leona Quast, George Kubista

Latham Place: Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum,

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Michael Schumacher, Mike Anderson, JoAnn Eggness, the containment of the Coronavirus, former employees of CashWise, those who are serving in our military.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Lenten Lunches will be served at Noon March 4 through April 1 at Christian Assembly, 900 14th Avenue SE, Waseca. Everyone is welcome to come for a warm bowl of soup, fellowship and a devotional. Free will donations will be accepted.

Please note that on Tuesday, March 10, Stacy True, Administrative Assistant will be in the office 9:00 to 10:30 am.

Waseca Area Caregiver Services is hosting an Avon Show on Saturday, March 14 from 10:00 am to Noon at 113 2nd Ave. NW, Waseca. The show is open to the public. There will be door prizes and tables of products for everyone in the family. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to Caregiver Services.

March Fellowship Event: 'Go Fly a Kite'. On **March 29th** we will have a display telling about kites and we will see how good we are at flying a kite. If you have a kite or any pictures of kites, please bring them to church. Let Roberta know if you have anything you can share for our display.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES

March 11 th	7 pm	Wesleyan
March 18 th	7 pm	Faith UMC
March 25 th	7 pm	1 st Congregational
April 1 st	7 pm	Wesleyan
April 8 th	6 pm	Seder Meal 1 st Congregational
April 9 th	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Faith UMC
April 10 th	7 pm	Tenebrae Service 1 st Congregational

Starting Sunday, March 1st, we will have a "Prayer Tree" in the entrance to the sanctuary for the purpose of gathering our prayers for each other and the church in a place where they will be a visible reminder to keep the needs of our brothers and sisters and the church before us during the season of Lent. The process is simple, take a purple card and write your request on the card and place the card on the tree or at the base of the tree. The following Sunday the requests will be gathered and prayed over during our prayer time. You do not have to sign the card or name the person we are praying for if you would rather keep that information private.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

03/08/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

03/09/2020 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

03/10/2020 (Tues.) **9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Administrative Assistant Hours**
10:30 a.m. - Ruth Circle at Margaret Hasslen's Home
1:30 p.m. - Communion at Lakeshore Inn

03/11/2020 (Wed.) 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch at Christian Assembly
7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service at Waseca Wesleyan
7:45 p.m. - Choir Practice

03/12/2020 (Thur.) 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. - Lenten Bible Study (Gathering Room)
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Faith Crafters & Stitchers (**FH)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study (Gathering Room)

03/13/2020 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**
10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court

03/15/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this week:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 to 10:30 am