

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
JOINT WORSHIP WITH KUMC OF MANKATO
March 9, 2025~10:00 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

On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

God, rescue us in the wilderness!

Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

God, rescue us within the wilderness!

Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP.....Mankato Korean UMC Praise Team

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your Lent. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter. Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give. Lord Jesus, you call us to repent and to believe for the Kingdom of God is at hand. You teach us to do God’s will. You invite us to follow you on the way to the cross. Transform our thought, word, and deeds that we might turn away from sin and live the Gospel. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

HYMN.....“It Is Well with My Soul”UMH #377

PASSING THE PEACE *Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.*

ANTHEM..... “Open the Eyes of My Heart, 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

Lord Jesus, Our Savior and Redeemer, we come to you with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings you give us each day. Help us understand that our giving is an expression of our love for you and our want to further your kingdom here on earth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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

HYMN....."I Love to Tell the Story"UMH #156

MESSAGE....."That's the Promise"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....."Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"TFWS #2112

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: Peggy Deno, 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, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Barb Klampe, Sandy Voshell, Lori Schneidewind, 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.

We are in the process of restructuring the Prayer Chain and would like to add more participants. If you are interested in becoming part of this important part of our church, please let me know or call the church office with your name and current phone number. Thank you,

Janet Welch

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At the February 25 Leadership Team meeting we discussed the need to put together a Worship Team. This team would meet periodically with Pastor Dong to assist him in exploring ideas to enhance our worship services and share ideas for special worship services. If you have some ideas and would like to be part of this team, please contact the church office or let a Leadership Team member know.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, March 10. Stacy will be in the office on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

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

On Saturday, March 15 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall we will have a fellowship gathering for women. All women are invited to come and renew acquaintances, meet friends for coffee, and enjoy each other's company.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

03/09/2025 (Sun.)	10:00am – Joint Worship Service with Mankato Korean UMC 11:00am – Fellowship/Potluck
03/10/2025 (Mon.)	<i>Administrative Assistant Out of the Office</i>
03/11/2025 (Tues.)	1:00pm – Ruth Circle (Gathering Room)
03/12/2025 (Wed.)	7:00pm – Choir Practice
03/15/2025 (Sat.)	10:00am – Women’s Fellowship Gathering (**FH)
03/16/2025 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am o 12:30pm

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