

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
UMCOR SUNDAY
MARCH 10, 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

How awesome God's light is!

Lord, let your light flood into our hearts and spirits! Amen.

HYMN....."To God Be the Glory".....UMH #98

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, as we gather here, on this day of sharing, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to model our lives after his messages of compassion and service to you and to all your world. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

PASSING THE PEACE

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....."Medley of the Cross".....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

Ever-giving God, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son.

How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion on of that devotion back to you.

As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough.

Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ, we pray. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING.....Mark LaMont

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

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

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN..... “Because He Lives”UMH #364

SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Dong Hun Shin

John 3:19-21

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

MESSAGE.....“In His Presence”Rev. Dong Hun Shin
(See Insert)

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.....“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”TFWS #2088

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, Gloria Rollag, Linda Griffin, Carver Wright, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Janette Larson and family, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Wednesday, March 13.

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

Ruth Circle is meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at 1:00 in the Gathering Room. The guest speaker will be someone from Bethlehem Inn.

The Community Easter Dinner, sponsored by the Waseca Ministerial Association, will be held on Sunday, March 31st, and will be hosted by Christ the King Lutheran Church, 309 6th Street NE. All are welcome, but reservations need to be made by calling Christ the King at 835-9176, or Greg and Naomi Easton at 835-4748, or emailing: sec.kjenzen.ctl@gmail.com. Your message must include your name, phone number, how many meals - "dine-in", "take-out", or "home delivery", and address--if meals are to be delivered. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 24th. Dine in and Carry Out at the church will be from 12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. on March 31st. Meal Delivery will begin at 11:30 a.m. Carry out and home delivery will be limited to 4 meals/family unit. There is no charge for the meal. Donations are gratefully accepted.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

03/10/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Fellowship
03/11/2024 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
03/12/2024 (Tue.)	1:00pm – Ruth Circle (Gathering Room)
03/13/2024 (Wed.)	<i>Administrative Assistant Out of the Office</i> 12:00 pm – Lenten Lunch @ Christian Assembly Church 7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
03/17/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am – Worship Service 10:30 am- Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

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

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