

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**3<sup>Rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.....“Jesus, Name above All Names” .....TFWS No. 2071

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING.....“Psalm 95” .....

**L:** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All:** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

L: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

L: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

**All: For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”**

HYMN OF INVITATION.....“I Love You, Lord” .....TFWS No. 2068

ANTHEM.....“With All My Heart” .....Faith Choir

KIDS TIME “Seeds of Faith”

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.....“God of the Ages” .....UMH No. 698

SCRIPTURE READING.....**John 1:1-18**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.' ") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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....."Jesus The God-Man" .....Pastor Victor

OFFERATORY

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

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE....."Open Our Eyes" .....TFWS No. 2086

SENDING FORTH

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

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, the containment of the Coronavirus, JoAnn Eggness, Mary Stauffer.

## 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.

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.

**March Fellowship Event: 'Go Fly a Kite'.** On **March 29<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES

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

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Would you like to help add color to the sanctuary for Easter, April 12, 2020? If so, you may bring a flowering plant (tulip, lily, azalea, hydrangea, etc.) to the church on Palm Sunday or during the week before Easter on Monday through Thursday. Please leave the plant on the table or on the floor in the nursery or in the church office and it will be moved to the Sanctuary on Saturday in time for the Sunday Sunrise Service. If you would like to give your plant in honor or memory of someone, forms will be available in the nursery and the office to fill out the information. You may leave the forms with your plant or give them to Stacy in the office. The forms must be filled out by the afternoon of Wednesday, April 8 to have the information included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

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Easter Dinner for all senior citizens and those who find themselves alone for the holiday will be served on Sunday, April 12 at 1:00 pm at the Waseca Senior Center, 308 North State Street, Waseca. RSVP at the Waseca Senior Center or call 507-835-4552 before Noon on Wednesday, April 8. Take-out or delivery is available upon request with a limit of 4 diners per household. There is no charge for the meal; donations are gratefully accepted. This meal is sponsored by the Waseca Ministerial Association and hosted by members of Christian Assembly.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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

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03/16/2020 (Mon.) Newsletter Deadline  
3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room}

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03/17/2020 (Tues.) 6:00 p.m. - Relay 4 Life Meeting (\*\*FH)

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03/18/2020 (Wed.) 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch at Christian Assembly  
6:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle (\*\*FH)  
6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service (Faith UMC)

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03/19/2020 (Thur.) 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. - Lenten Bible Study (Gathering Room)  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study (Gathering Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Trustees Meeting (\*LV Room)

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03/20/2020 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Set up for Food @ Faith

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03/21/2020 (Sat.) Food @ Faith  
7:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Food Truck & Set-up  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Food Distribution  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Clean-up

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03/22/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship  
5:00 p.m. - M & M Night (Meal and Movie)

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:  
Monday through Thursday: 9:00 - 1:00