

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Second Sunday In Lent

March 16th, 2014~9:30 a.m.

ENTRANCE

*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 to **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

We welcome children and their families to our worship service. For those who need the use of a nursery, for children ages birth through three yrs old, we have a well-staffed and safe space for your children. It is to the right as you enter the church.

*All attendees please sign our red Friendship Registration Pads.
If you are new to our church, please pick up your free gift in the narthex on your way home.*

GATHERING

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP**....."Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" ...TFWS No. 2088

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

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*All who wish may stand.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (thin black book)

Nursery available for Children (Birth - 3 year olds)

OPENING PRAYER

L: 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.

L. And all God's People Said:

All: Amen

THE JESUS CREED.....*By Brian McLaren*

**We have confidence in Jesus
Who healed the sick, the blind, and the paralyzed.
And even raised the dead.**

He cast out evil powers and confronted corrupt leaders.
He cleansed the temple.
He favored the poor.
He turned water into wine,
Walked on water, calmed storms.

**He died for the sins of the world,
Rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father,
Sent the Holy Spirit.**

We have confidence in Jesus
Who taught in word and example, sign and wonder.
He preached parables of the kingdom of God on hillsides, from boats, in the temple, in homes,
At banquets and parties, along the road, on beaches, in towns,
By day and by night.
He taught the way of love for God and neighbor,
For stranger and enemy, for outcast and alien.

**We have confidence in Jesus,
Who called disciples, led them,
Gave them new names and new purpose
And sent them out to preach good news.
He washed their feet as a servant.**

**He walked with them, ate with them,
Called them friends,
Rebuked them, encouraged them,
Promised to leave and then return,
And promised to be with them always.**

He taught them to pray.
He rose early to pray, stole away to desolate places,
Fasted and faced agonizing temptations,
Wept in a garden,
And prayed, "Not my will, but your will be done."
He rejoiced, he sang, he feasted, he wept.

**We have confidence in Jesus,
So we follow him, learn his ways,
Seek to obey his teaching and live by his example.
We walk with him, walk in him, abide in him,
As a branch in a vine.**

We have not seen him, but we love him.
His words are to us words of life eternal,
And to know him is to know the true and living God.
We do not see him now, but we have confidence in Jesus.
Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE....."Freely, Freely"...UMH No. 389

FIRST EPISTLE LESSON.....Romans 4:1-8

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather 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 counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift, but as his due. And to the one who does not work, but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and

whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

ANTHEM....."Walk With Me Lord" ...Faith Choir
(All children Preschool - 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School at this time)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Psalm 32:1-5
Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."O How He Loves You and Me" ...TFWS No. 2108

*** GOSPEL LESSON**.....**John 3:1-21**

All: Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

L: This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

All: Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

L: Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

All: Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

L: Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

All: Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And 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.

L: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

All: Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because He has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

L: And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

All: For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks Be To God

MESSAGE....."Jesus: His Incomparable Offer of Salvation"...Rev. Victor Waters

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SONG OF THANKSGIVING.....“Give Thanks”...TFWS No. 2036

**Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks
Give thanks**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE.....“Into My Heart”...TFWS No. 2160

*SENDING FORTH

EXIT MUSIC

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY 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:

Koda Living Community, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson,
Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause

Prayer Request from Sunday Worship: Leona Quast, Harry McClune, Morgan and Justin; Melissa Toot, Rodger Dahnert, Peter and Verna Fog, Dick and Elaine Westrum



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **Lions Pancake Breakfast** will be held **Sunday, March 30**, at the **American Legion** from **7:30 a.m. to Noon**. Proceeds support Waseca Boy and Girl Scouts, college scholarships and the Lions Eye Bank. (Bring your old eyeglasses and hearing aids) Adults: \$6:00. Children age 12 and under: \$2.00. Toddlers: Free. Thank you so much. Sincerely, *Robert Hunter*

UMW Southern Prairie District Spring Gathering will be held on **Saturday, March 22nd** at **Evangelical UMC in Waterville**. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. The deadline to register is March 15th. It is \$10 per person. Please contact Sherry Scholljegerdes for more details at 835-4304.

I am looking for **two** cat litter pails with handles, like the one in our entryway. They will be used to store Ice-Bite in. Please call (me) Bob Stephan at: 507-461-3482. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

3/16/2014 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)
3/17/2014 (Mon.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -Walkers' Discipleship Series (LV Room) 12:00 p.m. -Newsletter Deadline
3/18/2014 (Tues.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -Powerful Tools for Caregivers at Waseca Public Library 4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
3/19/2014 (Weds.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -UMW Ruth Circle 10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away 12:00-1:00 p.m. -Lenten Lunches at St. John's Lutheran Church 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time - A personal time for prayer and reflection . Stay for 10 min. or an hour - your choice! 6:30-7:15 p.m. -Lenten Evening Worship Service at Faith 7:30-8:30 p.m. -Choir Practice
3/20/2014 (Thurs.)	6:45-7:45 p.m. -Relay for Life Committee Meeting (FH) 6:45-7:45 p.m. -Trustees Meeting
3/21/2014 (Fri.)	Office Closed
3/23/2014 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Contemporary Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
3/24/2014 (Mon.)	<i>Newsletter Mailed this week</i> 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Walkers' Discipleship Series (LV Room)