

# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday In Lent

March 30<sup>TH</sup> , 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: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread, which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that He may live in us, and we in Him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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....."Open My Eyes, That I May See"...UMH No. 454

EPISTLE LESSON.....Ephesians 5:7-11

7 Therefore, do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

SPECIAL MUSIC....."Men"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Psalm 139: 7-12

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Shine, Jesus, Shine"...TFWS No. 2173

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

L: As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

**All: Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."**

L: We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

**All: Having said these things, He spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent).**

L: So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."

**All: So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"**

L: He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight."

**All: They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.**

L: Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

**All: Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”**

L: But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

**All: So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”**

L: The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

**All: His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”**

L: (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”

**All: He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”**

L: They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

**All: He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”**

L: And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”

**All: The man answered, “Why this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.**

L: We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

**All: They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.**

L: Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

All: **He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"**

L: Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you."

All: **He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.**

L: Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

All: **Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?"**

L: Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

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

**ALL: Thanks Be To God**

MESSAGE.....Jesus: His Incomparable Message...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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**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**

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**Give thanks**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE.....“Light of the World”...TFWS No. 2204

\*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, Rodger and Vada Dahnert, Dick and Elaine Westrum, Marie Wells, Dan and Marilyn Possin



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We want to **thank you** for all the well wishes, the strong **prayers**, and all of the wonderful cards that we have received. Please keep the prayers going for **Rodger**. They have done a lot for him. Prayers are healing, so we do need them. Thank you, Vada.

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**Thank you!** Thank you very much for your prayers, cards and words of caring during my recent surgery. They were very helpful. Thanks again, Dick Westrum

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**UMW Ruth Circle meets April 16, at 10:00 a.m. at Out to Lunch.**

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

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| 3/30/2014 (Sun.)   | 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service<br>10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School<br>10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship<br>6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)   |
| 3/31/2014 (Mon.)   | 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Walkers' Discipleship Series (LV Room)  |
| 4/01/2014 (Tues.)  | 10:00-11:30 a.m. -Powerful Tools for Caregivers at Waseca Public Library<br>12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. -Pastor Victor Out of Office<br>4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)   |
| 04/02/2014 (Weds.) | 10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away<br>12:00-1:00 p.m. -Lenten Lunch at St. Johns<br>3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video<br>4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time in the Sanctuary<br>6:30-7:15 p.m. -Lenten Evening Service at Faith UMC<br>7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice |
| 04/03/2014 (Thur.) | <b>Church Office Closed</b><br>HCI Peer Mentoring   |
| 04/04/2014 (Fri.)  | Office Closed   |
| 04/06/2014 (Sun.)  | 9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing<br>9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism of Dylan Scott Waugh<br>10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School<br>10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship<br><b>Confirmation class is on April 13th</b>  |
| 04/07/2014 (Mon.)  | <b>No Small Group this week</b>   |
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