

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

March 20th, 2016~9:30 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 **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

WELCOME

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**....."Hosanna! Hosanna!"...TFWS No. 2109

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER....."Passion/Palm Sunday"...UMH No. 281...[UNISON]

***GOSPEL LESSON**..... **John 12:23-24**

The hour has come for the Son of Man to receive glory. What I'm about to tell you is true. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only one seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE HOLY WEEK NARRATIVE

PALM SUNDAY: Jesus Enters Jerusalem and Passion Week Begins

ANTHEM.....“Lift Up Your Heads and Sing”...Faith Choir

SUNDAY SCHOOL (All children ages 4-6th grade are invited to attend our Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.)

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING.....Doxology" ...UMH No. 94

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

MONDAY: Jesus Announces His Passion

For He will be handed over to the Gentiles; He will be mocked, mistreated, and spat on. They will flog Him severely and kill him. Yet on the third day He will rise again.” Luke 18:32-33

SONG OF PRAISE....."Change My Heart, O God" ...TFWS No. 2152

TUESDAY: The Scandal of Love

As she stood behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears. She wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the perfumed oil. Luke 7:38

SONG OF PRAISE.....“I Love You, Lord” ...TFWS No. 2068

WEDNESDAY: Judas Agrees To Betray Jesus

Then Satan entered Judas, the one called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve. He went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard how he might betray Jesus, handing him over to them.

Luke 22:3-4

THURSDAY: The Eucharist

He got up from the meal, removed his outer clothes, took a towel and tied it around himself. He poured water into the washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel He had wrapped around himself. John 13:4-5

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING.....“What Wondrous Love Is This?”...UMH No. 292 vs. 1-2

FRIDAY: The Crucifixion

As they were going out, they found a man from Cyrene named Simon, whom they forced to carry his cross. Matthew 27:32

HYMN OF RESPONSE.....“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”...UMH No. 298

SATURDAY: JESUS IS BURIED

Now at the place where Jesus was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden was a new tomb where no one had yet been buried. And so, because it was the Jewish day of preparation and the tomb was nearby, they placed Jesus' body there. John 19:41-42

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE.....“Lamb of God”...TFWS No. 2113

SENDING FORTH.....**[RESPONSIVE PRAYER]**

Loving God, at this time, we remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. So, we come before you, conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases can slip so easily from our lazy lips and our hardened hearts. What do we really know of your mountainous truth, your rock-hard integrity, the depth of your suffering for love of us all?

Forgive us for the shallowness of our faith and the timidity of our following: forgive us for the ready excuses we make for going our own way and claiming it as yours.

Turn us round again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit, active within us and among us.

Show us how to be open again to your faithfulness and to your freedom, that we may live new lives and be again bearers of the seeds of the realm of Jesus.

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:

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

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Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler [Home Hospice]

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Bruce and Deb Hering,

Leona Quast, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog, Marilyn Possin, Chuck Youngberg, Brenda and Kipp Westrum, Jim Keller, Bill Brooks, Lynne Swenson, Les Wells, Dick and Elaine Westrum, the Keller's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Saturday afternoon, **April 2nd**, a group of adults and youth will go from Faith Church to **Simpson United Methodist Church** in Minneapolis, to provide a supper meal for the men and women who sleep in the overnight shelter. Around 110 persons will be served. Again this year, the meal will be catered by Hy-Vee and taken to Minneapolis. Cash gifts are needed to underwrite this.

Checks may be placed in the offering made out to Faith UMC with "Simpson Meal" on the memo line. In addition to the catered meal, we need bananas, cookies or bars, and milk. **A sign-up is available in the narthex and on the kitchen counter.** Many thanks for your continued support of this project.

Aging Mastery Program starts **April 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at the **Waseca Senior Center**. Cost \$15 for 10 week program. God has given us the gift of longevity, let's be as healthy and productive as we are called to be. Call Kelly Boeddeker at 461-3820, Waseca Area Caregiver Services to register. AMP is a grant from the National Council on Aging.

We appreciate all the donations that we have received so far. We still need a lot more. We want to have the biggest and best **Relay for Life Garage Sale** this year. If you have any donations you can contact Vada Dahnert at (507) 833-5477 or Dave Baldini at (507) 835-3697.

SHARE A PLANT!

Would you like to help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, March 27th. If so, you may bring a flowering plant (tulip, lily, azalea, hyacinth, etc.) to the church **Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Please leave the plant on the table or on the floor in the nursery and it will be moved to the Sanctuary on Saturday in time for the sunrise Service. Thank you.

The last session **Walker Bible Study Session** will be held **Monday, March 21st at 9:45 a.m.**

Lenten Evening Services

Faith United Methodist, First Congregational and Waseca Wesleyan are again joining together for Wednesday night Lenten services and Maundy Thursday services.

Services begin at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, March 24th, Maundy Thursday,
Waseca Wesleyan

Friday, March 25th, Good Friday Service,
Faith United Methodist Church

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 3/20/2016 (Sun.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
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- 3/21/2016 (Mon.) 9:45-10:45 a.m.-Last day of Walker's Bible Study (*LV Room)
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- 3/22/2016 (Tues.) 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
5:15-6:30 p.m. -Church Council Meeting (*LV Room)
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- 3/23/2016 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away
6:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m.-Choir Practice
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- 3/24/2016 (Thurs.) 7:00 p.m.- Maundy Thursday Service at Waseca Wesleyan
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- 3/25/2016 (Fri.) **Office Closed**
10:00-11:00 a.m. -Worship at Colony Court
7:00 p.m. -Good Friday Service at Faith UMC
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- 3/27/2016 (Sun.) Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. -Sunrise Service
7:45 a.m. -Easter Breakfast
9:30 a.m. -Celebration Worship
*No Children's Church Today
10:30 a.m. -Fellowship
No Sunday School or Youth Group today
1:00-7:00 p.m. -Ferch Fellowship Hall Reservation

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall