

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
April 6, 2025~9:30 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

We come to worship, remembering God's goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.

We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief, and wondering when relief will come.

We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

We come to worship to remember and remind one another that God's love has never left us, and God's joy cannot be extinguished.

God, restore us that we know your love and your joy once again.

We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us.

God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen.

HYMN....."Sanctuary"TFWS #2164 (2 times)

UNISON PRAYER

Come to this sanctuary, this home, Holy Christ, And let us receive you with lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, The Promise of new life – We pour out our praise to you. Fill this room with your Spirit: The sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume And fill our hearts with your compassion, Not just in this time and place, But in all times and in all places, So that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us, We may also embody the love you give to all. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE *Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.*

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.....Unison

Eternal God, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. As we offer our gifts and reflect on your word this day, we ponder our role as stewards of your blessings. Strengthen our commitment to love and serve others, as we strive to fulfill your divine purpose in the world. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.
Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.
Then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.
Restore our fortunes, LORD,
like streams in the Negev.
Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

**THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!
THANKS BE TO GOD!**

HYMN.....“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”UMH #298

MESSAGE.....“Filled with the Fragrance”Rev. Dong Hun Shin

HOLY COMMUNION.....UMH, #9-11

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.....“O How I Love Jesus”UMH #170

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: Margaret Dahnert

Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno, Sandy Voshell

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Barb Klampe, Sandy Voshell, Lori Schneidewind, Stuart Kuyper, Bob Larson, the Youngberg family, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews.

We are still looking for volunteers to serve on the Worship Team. This team would meet periodically with Pastor Dong to assist him in exploring ideas to enhance our worship services and share ideas for special worship services. If you have some ideas and would like to be part of this team, please contact the church office or let a Leadership Team member know.

Plans are in the works to host our annual Springtime Sandwich Luncheon. The date is **Wednesday, April 23**. Details will be forthcoming, but we all need to be aware that this event takes a large amount of work/people-power. Sign up sheets will soon be available; please consider how you can be a part of this very important way to reach out to our community. Many hands make light work! We would also appreciate cash donations that will be used to purchase ingredients.

The Waseca Community Easter Dinner will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church, 314 4th Ave. NE, on Sunday, April 20 from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Dine in, drive thru and delivery will be offered. Sign up by Monday, April 14 by calling St. Paul Lutheran church at 835-2647 or the Waseca Senior Center at 835-4552.

Holy Week schedule:

Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm – Holy Thursday worship service. This service will include communion and a hand washing ceremony.

Friday, April 18, 7:00pm – Good Friday worship service.

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:00am – Sunrise Service

7:30am – Easter Breakfast (serving scrambled eggs, fresh warm cinnamon rolls with frosting and butter, orange juice, milk, and coffee)

9:30am – Easter Celebration worship service

Ruth Circle will meet this **Tuesday, April 8** at **1:00pm** at **Colony Court**.

We would like to express a big “thank you” to Hy-Vee and Mike Morrissey. Hy-Vee made a generous donation of 12 cases of pasta for our Blessing Box. Mike kindly brought them to the church this past week.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

04/06/2025 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday
9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:30am – Fellowship

04/08/2025 (Tues.) 1:00pm – Ruth Circle (Colony Court)

04/09/2025 (Wed.) 7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)

04/13/2025 (Sun.) 9:30am – Palm Sunday Worship Service
10:30am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

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

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