

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023~9:30 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

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

**In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials**

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;

and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.**

HYMN....."Easter People, Raise Your Voices" .....UMH #304

UNISON PRAYER

**God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. Amen**

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

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.

ANTHEM....."Just a Little Talk With Jesus".....Faith Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

Resurrection God, in a doubting world,  
**Keep us in faith that we may have life.**

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

OFFERING PRAYER

**Generous God, you are our potion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world.**

HYMN....."He Lives" .....UMH #310

SCRIPTURE READING.....Linda Griffin

**Psalm 16**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones  
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.  
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.  
For you do not give me up to Sheol  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This the Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

**John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."To God Be the Glory" .....UMH #98

BENEDICTION

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:** Joe Tollefson, Shirley Burdick

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Leona Quast

**Foxdale:** Lucille Kubista

**Benedictine Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Sue Baldini, Roger Groskreutz and family, Kara Ecoff, Tim Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are at risk and most vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please note that Sunday School will meet on the third and fifth Sundays in April, April 16 and April 30.

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Offering envelopes have arrived and can be picked up in the narthex. If your envelope number was previously higher than 75, you have been assigned a new number.

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Ruth Circle is meeting on **Monday, April 17 at 1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. Lorraine and Roberta will serve as hostess. The program will be "Sugar and Cream".

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Elizabeth Circle is meeting on **Wednesday, April 19 at 2:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room. Hostess: Karen Ferch, Devotions: Sandy Voshell. Guests and visitors are welcome.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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04/16/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship
04/17/2023 (Mon.)	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 1:00 pm - Ruth Circle (Gathering Room) 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends
04/19/2023 (Wed.)	2:30 pm - Elizabeth Circle (*LV Room) 7:00 pm - Choir Practice
04/20/2023 (Thurs.)	10:30 am - Bible Study
04/23/2023 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

### **Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

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

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