

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 2024~9:30 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

God has called us here.

We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

The Holy Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God. AMEN.

HYMN....."He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"UMH #128

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. Forgive us when we, by our thoughts and actions, have gone against your will. You are with us, Lord. You lead us daily in right paths and offer to us the bread of life. You stand with us in the presence of those whom we fear, giving us your love. Help

us to trust you. Help us to praise you and remember that you have called us to be your witnesses and workers in this world. Give us strength and courage, joy and peace for all the work that you have for us to do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. AMEN.

PASSING THE PEACE

Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

ANTHEM.....“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”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

Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light you've shown us. Your Word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Christ. As we offer our offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Genesis 6:13-22

So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.”

Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

1 Peter 3:20

To those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water.

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

HYMN..... “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”UMH #381

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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.....“Abide with Me”UMH #700

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: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Gloria Rollag, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, 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 end of the pews.

UWF Upcoming Events:

UWF will meet April 22 at 2:00 (note time change) Surprise Speaker! Elizabeth's circle serves. We will be collecting donations for "Prayer and Self-Denial" This year it goes to "Climate Justice". Come One and All!!

If you did not sign up for a meeting time with Pastor Dong and you would like to schedule a meeting time, please contact him or Stacy.

Sunday school will meet on April 28 and May 12 and 19. Sunday school will not meet during the summer months.

Volunteers still needed!

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to sign up to volunteer in the areas of communion steward, liturgist or usher. Please consider serving in one of these areas. We would like to add just a few volunteers to each area so that volunteers can have more time between their rotations. We can work with your schedule if there are some months that you are unable to serve.

For liturgist and usher, you would not be scheduled until after June 30. For communion steward we do have a schedule through the end of the year but we are looking for volunteers for August and December and to be on the rotation for next year.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

04/21/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship
04/22/2024 (Mon.)	2:00 pm - UWF Unit Meeting (**FH)
04/23/2024 (Tues.)	7:00 pm - Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
04/24/2024 (Wed.)	7:00 pm - Choir Practice (*LV Room)
04/25/2024 (Thurs.)	1:00 pm - Newsletter Folding (Church Office)
04/28/2024 (Sun.)	PANCAKE SUNDAY 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

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

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