

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 23rd, 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

Come walk with us.

We will join the journey.

Let us talk together

We will listen and speak.

Christ goes with us

Jesus guides our steps.

HYMN....."Blessed Assurance"UMH #369

UNISON PRAYER

Holy One, we are often confused by the events in our world. Come and walk with us. Open our hearts to hear your truth. Plant the seed of new life within us. In trust of your loving presence, we pray. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

PASTORAL PRAYER

God of Resurrection,
hear our prayer.

SPECIAL MUSIC....."The Lord's Prayer".....Jarod True

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, source of all goodness, you hear our cries and you answer. With grateful hearts, we bring our gifts to you. We bring our offerings, as a gift of thanksgiving for your presence in our lives. We are your servants, and we offer ourselves with joy. Amen

HYMN....."Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"UMH #402, vs. 1, 2, 4

SCRIPTURE READING.....Edy Barber

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord,
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord;
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord

is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

Acts 2:14, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them,

“What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."Amazing Grace"UMH #378, vs. 1, 4, 6

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

Please note that Sunday School will meet next Sunday, April 30.

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. Also, if you did not previously have envelopes, please check the table because you may have been assigned envelopes. If you do not have envelopes and would like some, please let Stacy know.

Upcoming UWF Meetings:

Executive Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 8 at 10:00 in the Lakeview Room.

Tea Party will be held on Monday, May 15 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Thursday, May 4.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

04/23/2023 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship
04/24/2023 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
04/25/2023 (Tues.)	7:00 pm - Leadership Team Meeting (**FH)
04/26/2023 (Wed.)	7:00 pm - Choir Practice
04/27/2023 (Thurs.)	10:30 am - Bible Study 1:00 pm - Newsletter Folding (Church Office)
04/30/2023 (Sun.)	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 - 1:00 pm

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