

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24th, 2016~9:30 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.*

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/ WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE....."Joy in the Morning" ...TFWS No. 2284

CONFESSION OF FAITH....."THE NICENE CREED" ...UMH No. 880

All: We believe in one God,

L: The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

All: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

L: The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

All: Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

L: For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

L: Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

All: Amen.

ANTHEM....."An Inscription of Praise" ...Faith Choir

KID'S TIME....."A Junk Food Diet"

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.

HYMN OF CELEBRATION....."Jesus Loves Me" ...UMH No. 191

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....HEBREWS 3

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, partners in a heavenly calling, take note of Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess, who is faithful to the one who appointed him, as Moses was also in God's house. For He has come to deserve greater glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house deserves greater honor than the house itself! For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken. But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. We are of His house, if in fact we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope we take pride in. Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, *"Oh, that today you would listen as he speaks! "Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of testing in the wilderness. "There your fathers tested*

me and tried me, and they saw my works for forty years. "Therefore, I became provoked at that generation, and said, 'Their hearts are always wandering and they have not known my ways.' "As I swore in my anger, 'They will never enter my rest!'" See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has an evil, unbelieving heart that forsakes the living God. But exhort one another each day, as long as it is called "Today," that none of you may become hardened by sin's deception. For we have become partners with Christ, if in fact we hold our initial confidence firm until the end. As it says, *"Oh, that today you would listen as He speaks! Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."* For which ones heard and rebelled? Was it not all who came out of Egypt under Moses' leadership? And against whom was God provoked for forty years? Was it not those who sinned, whose dead bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear they would never enter into his rest, except those who were disobedient? So we see that they could not enter because of unbelief.

This is the word of God for the People of God.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."Don't Turn a Deaf Ear to God's Salvation"...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."Lamb of God"...TFWS No. 2113

*SENDING FORTH.....Hebrews 3:15

As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

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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Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

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 and Family, Bill Brooks, Lynne Swenson, Les Wells, Dick and Elaine Westrum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Relay for Life/Faith for a Cure Team will be working at the **Pizza Ranch** again this year. We will be there on **Monday, May 23** from **5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Come for good food, good company and fast hard workers. We all love serving and waiting on you. All donations and proceeds go to the Relay for Life – American Cancer Society. Thank you.

The **Relay for Life/Faith for a Cure Team** will be having its annual garage sale on **Sunday, May 7** from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the **church Fellowship Hall**. You can deliver your donations starting Wednesday, May 4. We will be receiving items each afternoon at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. **Do not leave items at the church without someone from the team being there.** We have the right to refuse items that do not sell easily. We will accept furniture that is in good condition, but remember if it does not sell we will be asking the person donating it to please pick it up and take it back to their house. Last year too many things were dropped off that we could not sell and we had to dispose of. If you cannot come during our receiving hours, please contact Vada Dahnert or Sue Baldini to make arrangements to meet you at the church. We will also take baked goods for a bake sale and we at Faith United Methodist Church have the best cooks in the county (maybe even the state). All items are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Will you help? While we were fortunate for the lower-than-normal snow plowing this winter, the lawn mowing season is already upon us. Our finances are really tight this year, so any **contributions toward the lawn mowing** will really help. Just indicate on your giving envelope that your contribution is an extra one to help with the lawn mowing cost. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

4/24/2016 (Sun.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m.-Fellowship
5:30 p.m.-God's Not Dead Movie

4/25/2016 (Mon.) Faith Messenger Mailed this Week

4/26/2016 (Tues.) 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

4/27/2016 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-Some Time Away (**FH)
Pastor Waters out of Office
7:00-8:00 p.m.-Choir Practice

5/1/2016 (Sun.) 9:15 a.m.-Hymn Sing
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m.-Fellowship
10:30 a.m.-Apportionments Meeting

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall