

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30th, 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

Hear Jesus' great truth: I am the gate for the sheep!
We recognize this voice. We've heard these words before,
Come in! You belong here! You are safe and cared for here!
We recognize the voice our shepherd.
Follow and find green pastures and still waters!
We hear his voice.
I come to give life and give it abundantly.
Come one, come all!

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

UNISON PRAYER

Risen Savior, Reliable Shepherd, we hear your voice calling us to follow. We remember our ancient brothers and sisters who gathered in prayer and praise. Today, we too gather in prayer and praise. Enliven us with your resurrection power a power that frees us from despair. Enliven us with your abundant life. May your living power flow through us in all we are and do! 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....."There Is a Higher Throne"Faith Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

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

Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration.

HYMN....."He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"UMH #128, vs. 1, 3 & 4

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."We Are the Church".....UMH #558

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

Sunday school will continue to meet in May on May 14 and May 28. Sunday school will not meet during the summer months. We will resume again in September

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 and Thursday, May 25.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

04/30/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship
05/01/2023 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
05/03/2023 (Wed.)	7:00 pm - Choir Practice
05/04/2023 (Thurs.)	<i>Administrative Assistant Out of the Office</i> 10:30 am - Bible Study
05/07/2023 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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