

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7th, 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

Once we were not a people.

Now we are God's people.

Once we ate food that did not satisfy.

Now we drink the spiritual milk of our Lord.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

HYMN....."Victory in Jesus".....UMH #370

UNISON PRAYER

Merciful God, our refuge and our strength, train our hearts on the words of your Son: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me." Feed our souls with your spiritual milk, and build our very lives into spiritual houses that neither famine nor storm can shake the foundation of our faith. In the name of the master builder and the living stone: we pray. 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....."Sing and Shout the Victory".....Faith Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

Oh risen God

Fill us with your power

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

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

HYMN....."Blest Be the Tie That Binds".....UMH #557

SCRIPTURE READING.....Mark LaMont

Psalm 31:1-15, 15-16

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

John 14;1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN....."I'll Fly Away"TFWS #2282

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, Family of Roger Groskreutz, 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 7 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 25.

Ruth Circle is meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Room. The program will be "Insulators".

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

05/07/2023 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship
05/08/2023 (Mon.)	10:00 am - UWF Executive Board Meeting (*LV Room) 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
05/09/2023 (Tues.)	1:00 pm - Ruth Circle (Gathering Room)
05/10/2023 (Wed.)	7:00 pm - Choir Practice
05/11/2023 (Thurs.)	10:30 am - Bible Study
05/14/2023 (Sun.)	Mother's Day 9:30 am - Worship Service 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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