

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**ASCENSION SUNDAY**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> , 2015~9:30 A.M.**

**ENTRANCE**

*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**

**Ascension Day is the 40th day of Easter. It occurs 39 days after Easter Sunday. It commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven.**

**\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP.....**"Shout to the Lord"...TFWS No. 2074

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

1 John 1:5 *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.*

**HYMN OF CELEBRATION:.....**"Crown Him with Many Crowns"...UMH No. 327

**OPENING PRAYER.....**[UNISON]

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise, He abides with His Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

**HONORING THE CLASS OF 2015**

We offer our congratulations and thanks for Jenny Sass, Andrew Lamont, and Michael Norby. We are thankful for each of their lives and the gifts and grace God has given each of them. We are thankful for their parents who gave the

roots and are now giving them the wings to pursue their dreams. May God's grace go with them, protect them and guide them. AMEN!

RESPONSIVE READING.....**PSALM 47**

L: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

L: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**All: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.** Selah

L: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

L: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

**All: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

L: The princes of the people gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

ANTHEM....."Rain Down"...Faith Choir

KID'S TIME....."What Language Does God Speak?"

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** All children ages 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend our Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....**ACTS 2:14-24**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: " 'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and

they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised Him up, losing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... “As the Deer”...TFWS No. 2025

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE ..... “The Coming of The Spirit” ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING..... “Give Thanks”...TFWS No. 2036

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

\* CLOSING HYMN..... “Change My Heart O God”...TFWS No. 2152

SENDING FORTH

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Savior, bless us all, we humbly pray. Our dear heavenly Father's love and favor be our comfort every day. May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding favor us with His most gracious leading. Thus shall we be truly blessed, both in labor and in rest. Amen.

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,  
Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

**Colony Court:** Millie Groh , Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg,  
Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Paul Krause

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

**Latham Place:** Liz Corchran

**Morrow Home, Sparta, WI:** Marlene Rietfort

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller

**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, Dave and Joann Eggness, Kookie Kukacka, Deloris Asmus, Peter Fog, Floyd Lamont, Marilyn, Marlin Olson (Patrice's Dad), Verna Fog.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On **Monday, June 8th**, the **Relay for Life Team** will hold a fundraiser at the Pizza Ranch from **5:00-8:00 p.m.** We encourage our members to support this team while enjoying a good meal.

A **BIG thank you** goes out to Janette Larson for donating an air-pot for use at the pre-service coffee table. This will be very helpful in having hot coffee available at this time.

**UMW Ruth Circle** will meet at **9:30 a.m.** on **Wednesday, May 20th**, at the home of Margaret Hasslen.

**Children's Activity:**



**Jesus prays for his disciples.  
John 17:6-19**

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

5/17/2015 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship/Graduation Appreciation *Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 1:00-4:00 p.m. -Klampe Piano Recital
5/18/2015 (Mon.)	10:00 a.m. -Newsletter Deadline 5:00-6:00 p.m. -UMW Mary Circle (**FH) 6:00-7:00 p.m.-UMW Unit Meeting 6:00-7:00 p.m. -Neighborhood Service Center Board Meeting
5/19/2015 (Tue.)	3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room) 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Hansel and Gretel Graduation for MWF a.m. classes
5/20/2015 (Wed.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -UMW Ruth Circle at Margaret Hasslen's 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away 3:00-4:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Hansel and Gretel Graduation for MWF p.m. classes
5/21/2015 (Thur.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -Hansel and Gretel End of the Year Program for T/TH classes 2:00-3:00 p.m. -Hansel and Gretel Graduation End of the Year Program for T/TH classes 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Trustees Meeting (*LV Room)
5/22/2015 (Fri.)	Office Closed
5/24/2015 (Sun.)	Pancake Mix Sunday 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship with Peter Law *Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
5/25/2015 (Mon.)	Faith Messenger Mailed this week/Memorial Day Office Closed

\*Lakeview Room

\*\*Fellowship Hall