

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21ST, 2017~9:30 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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

* CALL TO WORSHIP....."Surely the Presence of the Lord".....UMH No. 328

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"....UMH No. 57 1-4, 6

RESPONSIVE READING**Psalm 66:8-20**

L: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

All: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

L: You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

All: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

L: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

All: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

L: I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

All: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

L: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!



KID'S TIME....."The 5 W'S of Prayer"

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

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.

SCRIPTURE READING**James 3:1-18**

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, 1 for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect

man, able also to bridle his whole body. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE "Sticks and Stones...but Words..."Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING..... "Give Thanks"TFWS No. 2036

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN....."O Spirit of The Living God"UMH No. 539

*SENDING FORTH.....*James 3:2*

"2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body."

EXIT MUSIC

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 Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Dick Westrum

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Fern Papke, Peter and Verna Fog.

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: Lucille and George Kubista

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship Bruce & Deb Herring, Dan Possin, Marie Wells, Janice Kaupa, Gloria Pommerenke, Dave Ferch, Verna Fog, Byron Broughton, Peggy Deno.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on May 26. Also, beginning May 30, and continuing through Labor Day, Stacy will be working summer hours of 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Friday.

On Sunday, June 4th, during the morning service, we will honor the graduating class of 2017. This year's graduates are Tyler Hyatt, Paige Logan, Anna Riecke, Caitlin Schauer and Mitchell Westrum. We will honor them during the service and at a reception after the service. Be sure to let them know you support them and wish them well by bring them a card or giving them your personal congratulations.

The following youth will be going to STORM Camp in Marshall, MN at the end of July: Troy Mitzel, Aaron Root and Devin Stankiewicz. The mission of "STORM" is to "Serve Jesus by Serving Others", by helping those in need. This includes doing ordinary things for people who are unable to do them themselves, such as painting and yard work. Please pray for these youth and watch for upcoming fundraisers to help them prepare for their important work.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

05/21/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

05/22/2017 (Mon.) Faith Messenger Mailed this Week
3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

05/23/2017 (Tues.) 10:00 a.m. - Worship at Lakeshore Inn
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Relay for Life Committee Meeting (**FH)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Hansel & Gretel Graduation (Sanctuary)

05/24/2017 (Wed.) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Hansel & Gretel Graduation (Sanctuary)

05/25/2017 (Thur.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Hansel & Gretel Program (Sanctuary)

05/26/2017 (Fri.) **Administrative Assistant Out of Office**
10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court

05/28/2017 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall