

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 21st, 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

Shout for joy,
sing songs of praise, for God reigns over all the earth!
God has gone up with a shout!
Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

HYMN....."Crown Him with Many Crowns"UMH #327, vs. 1, 2 & 4

UNISON PRAYER

Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, that we may be re-spirited in this hour by your power and your grace. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

ANTHEM.....Faith Choir

PASTORAL 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

Endless source of life, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized, may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, we pray. Amen.

HYMN....."I Love to Tell the Story"UMH #156

SCRIPTURE READING.....Les Wells

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*
God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."Christ Is Risen"UMH# 307

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: Shirley Burdick

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista

Benedictine Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, 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 meet on May 28. Sunday school will not meet during the summer months. We will resume again in September

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Helen Smith, sister of Margaret Hasslen.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Thursday, May 25. Stacy will also be out of the office Monday, June 5 through Wednesday, June 7 and Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

05/21/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship 2:00 pm - Barb Klampe Piano Recital (**FH)
05/22/2023 (Mon.)	10:00 am - Visitation for Tom Stewart 11:00 am - Funeral Service for Tom Stewart (Lunch to follow) 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
05/23/2023 (Tues.)	7:00 pm - Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
05/24/2023 (Wed.)	6:00 pm - Choir Potluck
05/25/2023 (Thurs.)	<i>Administrative Assistant Out of the Office</i> 10:00 am - Hansel & Gretel Program (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm - Hansel & Gretel Graduation (Sanctuary)
05/28/2023 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am - Sunday School 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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