

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 25, 2025~9:30 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 Psalm 36:5-10

Your unfailing love, O LORD, is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the ocean depths. You care for people and animals alike, O LORD.

How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings.

You feed them from the abundance of your own house, letting them drink from your river of delights.

For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we see.

Pour out your unfailing love on those who love you; give justice to those with honest hearts.

For the Fallen

By [Laurence Binyon](#)

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

HYMN....."Eternal Father, Strong to Save"TFWS #2191

UNISON PRAYER

Good and Gracious God, We give you thanks and praise that you are a constant presence in our lives. Your love is never failing. Your grace ever abounding. May our hearts be open to all you have to give us and our hands hold loosely all you have given us. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE *Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.*

ANTHEM.....“Stories of Jesus”Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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....."Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

Gracious God, we offer back to you a portion of the gifts you have first given us. Let us live with thankful hearts. Remembering all we have or will ever have has come first through Your hands. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Janet Welch

John 15:1-4 (NLT)

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given

you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN..... “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”UMH #103

MESSAGE..... “The Vine and the Branches: Finding Rest and Rhythm in the Seasons of Our Lives”Pastor Victor Waters

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN..... “Battle Hymn of The Republic”UMH #717

CLOSING PRAYER (Unison) **A Prayer of Thanks for Freedom**

**Heavenly Father,
thank You for the precious gift of freedom,
the freedom to worship,
to speak, and to live according to our conscience.
On this Memorial Day,
we remember with deep gratitude
the brave men and women
who gave their lives so that
we might enjoy these liberties.
Amen**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

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: Margaret Dahnert

Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno, Sandy Voshell

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Barb Klampe, Sandy Voshell, Lori Schneidewind, Stuart Kuyper, Bob Larson, Darla Dahnert, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist with tending the flower gardens on our grounds.

There are a few different gardens that need care. They include: the garden around our church sign on the front lawn, the garden around the flag pole, the peace garden, the island under the overhang by our main entrance, and the plants around the foundation of the church building.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to sign up to care for one of the gardens on a monthly rotation. It is our hope that one or two people could sign up to care for one or more gardens for a month at a time. If you have questions about what needs to be done in the gardens, Clair Voshell will be happy to answer any questions and show you what needs to be done. Please consider signing up so we can keep our grounds looking beautiful.

Pastor Dong is on vacation through May 30 with his family in Korea. Please pray for safe travels for Pastor Dong and his family.

Pastor Dong will also be on vacation June 17 through June 26 while Daniel is home from the Air Force Academy. Pastor Victor will fill in again on June 22. On June 22, instead of fellowship downstairs, we will meet at Pizza Ranch at 11:00 to have lunch with Pastor Victor and Patrice.

Please join us during fellowship today to celebrate the graduation of Aiden Groskreutz.

On Saturday, May 31, Bud and Peggy Deno will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. There will be a party in the fellowship hall from 1:00 to 3:00pm. All are invited to attend.

On **Sunday, June 1**, we will have a hymn sing during the prelude time prior to the worship service. Be thinking about any hymns you would like to sing that day.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office June 16 through 20.

Due to a lack of material, a newsletter will not be printed this month. June calendars with birthdays and anniversaries and the helper list can be found in the narthex. The next newsletter deadline is June 9. Please submit any articles by that date.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...	
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05/25/2025 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service (With Pastor Victor Waters) 10:30am – Fellowship/Graduation Celebration for Aiden G.
05/26/2025 (Mon.)	Happy Memorial Day! Church Office Closed
05/28/2025 (Wed.)	6:00pm – Choir Pizza Supper
05/31/2025 (Sat.)	1:00 – 3:00pm – Bud & Peggy Deno 50 th Anniversary Party (**FH)
06/01/2025 (Sun.)	Hymn Sing 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am – Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am to 1:00pm

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

*****Out of Office this Week***

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