

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 13th, 2021~9:30 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/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth; **it grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.**

Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN....."For the Beauty of the Earth".....UMH #92, vs. 1, 6

UNISON PRAYER

God, you are the gardener of all creation. You planted this world with the seeds of your love and grow them with your faithfulness. We are your harvest; we find our meaning and sustenance in you. May our minds listen to your calling, may our hearts be attuned to your will, may our feet follow you in the world, through Jesus, the Word become flesh. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS

PREPARING FOR TIME OF PRAYER

Hymn....."Sweet Hour of Prayer".....UMH #496, vs. 1

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Andrea Johnson

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

We gather this day,
to acknowledge a threshold moment—
a thin place
between what’s been and what’s to be—
between what’s been studied, learned, and accomplished,
and all the more there is to study and learn and do.

**It is so very good to mark growth in celebration,
and then so very good as well,
to celebrate having further to grow—
to note a mile-marker on the longer way
and to take joy both in the distance traveled
and the distance yet ahead.**

Bless this liminal time and space
and those who stand in thresholds
looking back and looking ahead.

**May it be with a sense of both gratitude and anticipation.
May it be with an awareness
of how we grow our life long with our whole person—
our minds, bodies, spirits, and emotions.**

And may it be with a profound sense
of what it means to place our way
(where we've been and where we're going)
within the way of Jesus.

Presentation

Blessing

May you have wisdom in heart and mind;
success in every challenge you find;
courage to seek life's purpose for you;
belief in yourself to make it come true
strength to do your best and endure;
and the guiding light of faith to ensure
that wherever you go, whatever you do,
God's love will always see you through

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 20.....Linda Griffin

I pray that the Lord answers you
whenever you are in trouble.
Let the name of Jacob's God protect you.
Let God send help to you from the sanctuary
and support you from Zion.
Let God recall your many grain offerings;
let him savor your entirely burned offerings. *Selah*
Let God grant what is in your heart
and fulfill all your plans.
Then we will rejoice that you've been helped.
We will fly our flags in the name of our God.
Let the Lord fulfill all your requests!
Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed one;
God answers his anointed one
from his heavenly sanctuary,
answering with mighty acts of salvation

achieved by his strong hand.
Some people trust in chariots, others in horses;
but we praise the Lord's name.
They will collapse and fall,
but we will stand up straight and strong.
Lord, save the king!
Let him answer us when we cry out!

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD
THANKS BE TO GOD

Mark 4:26-34.....Pastor Carolyn

Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvest time."

He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."Hymn of Promise"UMH #707

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

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Foxdale Memory Care: Elaine Westrum

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Latham Place: Lucille Kubista

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Anna & Gary Born and the family of Michael Schumacher, Janice Kaupa, Marlys & Ken Garness, Stacy True and her family, Millie White, Les Wells, 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

06/13/2021 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service, Celebration of Graduates
10:30 am - Outdoor Fellowship

06/14/2021 (Mon.) 10:00 am - UMW Executive Board Meeting (**FH)
3:00-4:00 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

06/15/2021 (Tues.) **Newsletter Deadline**

06/17/2021 (Thur.) 10:30 am - Bible Study

06/20/2021 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Outdoor Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday & Wednesday: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Thursday: 1:30pm to 3:30 pm

*These are anticipated hours. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office.

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