

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 18th, 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

Let us praise and worship the Lord.

We praise God for the gift of life.

Let us give thanks to God

We thank God for the opportunity to use our lives in his service.

Let us be open to God's will!

Expectantly we assemble, that we may

learn God's will and receive the power to live daily in his way.

HYMN....."I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"UMH #333

UNISON PRAYER

O God, open our eyes that we may trust your wonder-working power and allow that power to work in us and through us for others. Amen

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HYMN....."O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"UMH #57, vs. 1-3

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

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

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

Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

MESSAGE....."The Prodigal Father"Rev. Robert Hunter

HYMN....."Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"UMH #438

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, Bob Stephan, 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

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Keith Smith on Saturday, June 24 at 11:00 am. Lunch will follow the service.

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 21 at 2:30 in the Lakeview Room. Guests and visitors welcome.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

06/18/2023 (Sun.)	Father's Day 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship
06/19/2023 (Mon.)	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
06/21/2023 (Wed.)	2:30 pm - Elizabeth Circle (*LV Room)
06/22/2023 (Thur.)	8:00 am - 5:00 pm Lifeline Screenings (**FH)
06/24/2023 (Sat.)	11:00 am - Celebration of Life Service for Keith Smith
06/25/2023 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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