

# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30th, 2013~9:30 a.m.

We welcome you to today's service.

Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.

*We welcome all who have come to worship with us today. We extend a special welcome to our visitors and, if you don't have a regular place of worship, to consider making Faith United Methodist Church your church home.*

*Before you leave today, please sign the red Friendship Registration book found at the end of your pew.*

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### WELCOME/ NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

### \*PASSING THE PEACE/ LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

*Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (The Book Of Worship 1965, Alt.)*

### RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 112

*L: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.*

*All: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.*

*L: For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.*

***All: His heart is steady; he will not be afraid; until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.***

*L: He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.*

***All: The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!***

\*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”...UMH 117

### KID'S TIME

(all children are invited to attend children's church at this time)

\*SCRIPTURE READING.....Genesis 18:9-33 ESV

*9 They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.”  
10 The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” 13 The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ 14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” 15 But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”*

*16 Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to set them on their way. 17 The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice; so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” 20 Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is*

great and their sin is very grave, 21 I will go down to see whether they have done altogether, according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” 22 So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” 26 And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” 27 Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” 29 Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” 30 Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” 31 He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” 32 Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” 33 And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

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

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Sweet Hour of Prayer” ...UMH 496

MESSAGE.....“Abraham: Friend of God” ...Rev. Victor Waters

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....(In Unison)

**Our Father, which 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 them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever.  
Amen.**

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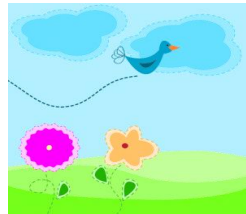
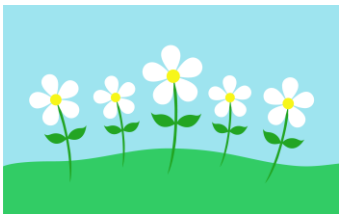
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Almighty and forgiving God, we your unworthy servants, give you most humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness, to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that our hearts may be thankful, and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever. **Amen.** (THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, U.S.A., 20TH CENT., ALT.)*

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Let There Be Peace on Earth” ...UMH 431

SENDING FORTH .....“An Invitation to Christ” ...UMH No. 466

POSTLUDE



## REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Remember our Church Members & Friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they have, or would like, including:**

**Koda Living Community, Owatonna:** Elaine Flathers

**Colony Court Memory & Care Suites:** Ann Swenson, Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson, Millie Groh

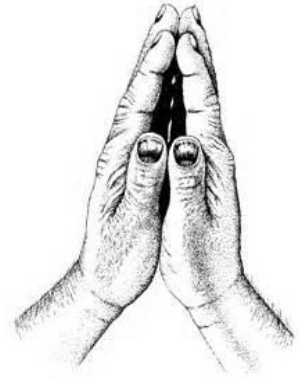
**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

**Latham Place:** Liz Corchran, Emily Miller

**Morrow Home, Sparta, WI:** Marlene Rietfort

**Tower Light, St. Louis Park:** Darlene Lynch

**Those who are ill, injured or homebound:** Jim Keller, Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause, Linda Wilson



All across the **Minnesota Annual Conference pastoral changes** are taking place, today being the first Sunday for many pastors and congregations. Please remember these sister congregations and their pastors during this time of transition. On the Southern Prairie, the following changes are taking place this summer:

Arlington/Norwood: Rod Stemme

Fairfax: Roger Melquist (July 14<sup>th</sup>)

Glenville UMC

Hendricks: Dave Christenson (ELCA)

Hutchinson Vineyard: Deb Walkes

Jackson: Rob Moorlach

Mankato Centenary: Michelle Hargrave

Morgan: Cindi Hopp (ELCA)

New Ulm 1<sup>st</sup>: Jo Anne Taylor (August 4<sup>th</sup>)

Olivia/Raymond: Russ Jacobsen

Pipestone Peace: Jon Schultz (July 14<sup>th</sup>)

Sleepy Eye: John Mitchem (July 7<sup>th</sup>)

Trimont: Stephanie Christoffels (ELCA)

Worthington 1<sup>st</sup>/Emmanuel: Daren Flinck

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



All announcements during worship require a microphone to enable our hearing challenged members to fully participate. The ushers will gladly bring one to you.

### **Bud and Peggy Deno's current address is:**

#10 Veterans Landing, Waseca, MN 56093. You may call them at **507-461-1844**.

**Reminder:** Choir is going to meet on **July 14<sup>th</sup>** and **August 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

6/30/2013 (Sun.)	9:30 a.m. –Worship *Children's Church (ages 4–sixth grade after Kid's Time) 10:30 a.m. –Fellowship
7/1/2013 (Mon.)	7:00 p.m. –Nursery Committee meets (UR)
7/2/2013 (Tues.)	4:00 -5:00 p.m. –Conversation, Bible & Friends (UR) 6:00-7:30 p.m. –Discipleship Team
7/3/2013 (Weds.)	3:15-4:15 p.m. –Lake Shore Video 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. –Quiet Time
7/4/2013 (Thurs.)	<b>Independence Day</b>
7/5/2013 (Fri.)	Office Closed
7/7/2013 (Sun.)	<b>Birthday Sunday</b> 9:15 a.m. –Hymn Sing 9:30 a.m. –Worship with Holy Communion *Children's Church (ages 4–sixth grade after Kid's Time) 10:30 a.m. –Fellowship 3:00 p.m. –Youth Camp out, meet at church and head to Schauer's cabin
7/8/2013 (Mon.)	3:00 p.m. –Youth return to church
7/9/2013 (Tues)	1:30-2:30 p.m. –Lake Shore Communion 4:00-5:00 p.m. –Conversation, Bible & Friends (UR)