

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**July 20, 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

In the presence of the faithful, we proclaim the name of God, for it is good.

**We thank you forever because of what you have done.**

Holy One, we trust in you. We take refuge in your safety. We call your presence our home.

**We are like olive trees rooted in your soil—growing and fruitful. You nourish us and shine your light upon us.**

Faithful God, in you, we find love and truth, abundance and compassion, community and care.

**We praise and exalt you, Eternal One. We trust in your steadfast love forever and ever.**

HYMN....."To God Be the Glory".....UMH #98

UNISON PRAYER

**Faithful God, we long to renew our minds, restore our souls, and rest our presence before you. Still, we bring the burdens we carry into this gathering. We hold our responsibilities, cares, and concerns. Let us bind ourselves in your love and strength. Helps us discern the better way. Be glorified in our worship. Be honored by our praise. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

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

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, as we gather to hear your teachings, just as others have done for many years, help us to see the better part. Receive these gifts, use them in ways that only you can, to make disciples and change the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Bob Hunter

**Genesis 18:1-11a**

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing.

**Luke 10:38-42**

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

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

HYMN.....“Victory in Jesus” .....UMH #370

MESSAGE.....“Focus on What’s Really Important” .....Rev. Dong Hun Shin

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.....“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”.....UMH #349

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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:

**Benedictine Owatonna:** Les Wells

**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, Nancy Tollefson, DJ Choi, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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We are still in need of volunteers to assist with tending some of the flower gardens on our grounds. The peace garden is covered but we still need help in other areas.

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.

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Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office through July 23.

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If you would like to make food donations to the Blessing Box, we could use the following items: canned tuna or chicken, instant mashed potatoes, cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter, canned fruit and spaghetti sauce (canned or plastic container). We appreciate donations!

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There will be a church clean-up day on Saturday, August 9 at 8:00am. The weather was cold for our May clean-up day and we did not have many volunteers so we were unable to get to everything we planned on. We plan to wash the fellowship hall windows and do any other needed clean-up around the church and parsonage grounds. Please plan to come and help. Many hands make light work!

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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07/20/2025 (Sun.)      9:30am – Worship Service  
                                 10:30am – Fellowship

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07/27/2025 (Sun.)      Pancake Sunday  
                                 9:30am – Worship Service  
                                 10:30am – Fellowship

\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Thursday 9:30am to 12:30pm

**Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm

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