

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018~9:30 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.*

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/ WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP....."As the Deer".....TFWS No. 2025

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.**  
*Amen.*

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 14

L: Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good!

**All: The LORD looks down from heaven on the entire human race; he looks to see if anyone is truly wise, if anyone seeks God.**

L: But no, all have turned away; all have become corrupt. No one does good, not a single one!

**All: Will those who do evil never learn? They eat up my people like bread and wouldn't think of praying to the LORD.**

L: Terror will grip them, for God is with those who obey him. The wicked frustrate the plans of the oppressed, but the LORD will protect his people.

**All: Who will come from Mount Zion to rescue Israel? When the LORD restores his people, Jacob will shout with joy, and Israel will rejoice.**

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Father, I Adore You" .....TFWS No. 2038

SUNDAY SCHOOL All children are invited to attend Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

SCRIPTURE READING .....Daniel 3:13-18; 24-27

Furious, King Nebuchadnezzar ordered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be brought in. When the men were brought in, Nebuchadnezzar asked, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you don't respect my gods and refuse to worship the gold statue that I have set up? I'm giving you a second chance—but from now on, when the big band strikes up you must go to your knees and worship the statue I have made. If you don't worship it, you will be pitched into a roaring furnace, no questions asked. Who is the god who can rescue you from my power?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, "Your threat means nothing to us. If you throw us in the fire, the God we serve can rescue us from your roaring furnace and anything else you might cook up, O king. But even if he doesn't, it wouldn't make a bit of difference, O king. We still wouldn't serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up."

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, bound hand and foot, fully dressed from head to toe, were pitched into the roaring fire. Because the king was in such a hurry and the furnace was so hot, flames from the furnace killed the men who carried Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to it, while the fire raged around

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Suddenly King Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in alarm and said, “Didn’t we throw three men, bound hand and foot, into the fire?” “That’s right, O king,” they said. “But look!” he said. “I see four men, walking around freely in the fire, completely unharmed! And the fourth man looks like a son of the gods!” Nebuchadnezzar went to the door of the roaring furnace and called in, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the High God, come out here!” Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walked out of the fire. All the important people, the government leaders and king’s counselors, gathered around to examine them and discovered that the fire hadn’t so much as touched the three men—not a hair singed, not a scorch mark on their clothes, not even the smell of fire on them!

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“All Hail King Jesus” .....TFWS No. 2069

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE ..... "Take Courage" .....Pastor Victor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Give Thanks" .....TFWS No. 2036

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN....."Lamb of God" .....TFWS No. 2113

\*SENDING FORTH.....

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EXIT MUSIC

**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:**

**Foxdale[Memory Care]:** Ann Swenson

**Colony Court:** Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

**Latham Place:** Lucille and George Kubista, Elaine Westrum

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Prayer Requests from Sunday:** Gary Taylor, Marlys and Ken Garness, Karen Kieper, Les Wells, Leona Quast, Gordon Zimmer, Dorothy, Linda.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SERMON NOTE OUTLINES** are on the table in the Narthex.

**YOUTH GROUP** TBD

Please note that Bob Stephan will be on vacation **August 13 through August 19.**

Please note that Pastor Victor will be out of the office on **Tuesday, July 31.**

Gary and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and thoughts during the past few weeks. They have been much appreciated!

*Linda Taylor*

## PICNIC AND POTLUCK



“Potluck”

Games  
and  
Special Music

At Clear Lake Park!

**Date:** Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Clear Lake Park Shelter

**Events:** 4 pm -5 pm Games

6 pm Dinner

7 pm Special Music by Bob Stephan

PLEASE BRING A DISH THAT CAN BE SHARED WITH YOUR FAMILY  
AND OTHERS

***THANK YOU!***

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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07/29/2018 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

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07/30/2018 (Mon.) 3:00- 4:00 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)

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07/31/2018 (Tues.) Pastor Victor Out of Office

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08/05/2018 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall