

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**July 30<sup>th</sup>, 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

May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"  
**Yes! Our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.**  
Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!  
**We praise you, oh God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.**

HYMN....."Into My Heart" .....TFWS #2160

UNISON PRAYER

**God our Father, we call on you like little children because we know that you love us and care for us like a loving parent. Because your Son Jesus, prayed to you as Father, so we pray this way. You created us to live with you and to ask for your help and guidance. Amen.**

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

**Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offering for your glory and for the service of your Kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM....."You are My All in All".....Faith Choir

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

**Genesis 29:15-28**

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. (Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven

years." Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

**Psalm 105:1-11, 45b**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.  
He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,  
the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,  
which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,  
saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."  
that they might keep his statutes  
and observe his laws.  
Praise the LORD!

This is the Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

HYMN....."Seek Ye First" .....UMH #408

**Romans 8:26-39**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

MESSAGE....."I'm Convinced" .....Pastor Jon Schultz

HYMN....."Children of the Heavenly Father" .....UMH #141

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:

**Colony Court:** Shirley Burdick

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Leona Quast, Marian Broughten

**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, Gloria Rollag, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office August 7 through 11.

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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07/30/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship (Potluck for Pastor Jon & Nicki) 1:30 - 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall reserved for True Family
07/31/2023 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
08/06/2023 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am- Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

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

**Pastor's Office Hours this Week:**

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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