

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020~9:30 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/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Read by Rev. Carolyn Doering)

Come, all who are weary. Christ strengthens us with love and grace. In this strength, we can do all things. We are here, ready to receive God's blessings.

OPENING PRAYER (Read by Rev. Carolyn Doering)

Mighty God, pour out your power and strength on us. Grant us the nourishment we need to receive your word. May your presence fill our lives and carry us forth, preparing us to be your people and equipping us to do your work in the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

HYMN....."Let All Things Now Living".....Accompaniment Only

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING WORDS

Whatever our gifts - a loaf of bread, a tiny coin, a mighty blessing or an amazing talent - each gift matters. Whatever our gifts, our gifts become miracles when we share them with God and with God's people.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, as you blessed Jacob long ago, bless us now. As you blessed bread and fish on a Galilean shore, bless and transform these gifts into abundant blessings for those in need; bless and guide our ministries into avenues for your mercy and grace. In your blessed name, we pray. Amen

## DOXOLOGY

## PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Andrea Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 14:13-21

Matthew 14:13-21 Living Bible (TLB)

As soon as Jesus heard the news, he went off by himself in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds saw where he was headed and followed by land from many villages.

So when Jesus came out of the wilderness, a vast crowd was waiting for him, and he pitied them and healed their sick.

That evening the disciples came to him and said, "It is already past time for supper, and there is nothing to eat here in the desert; send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy some food."

But Jesus replied, "That isn't necessary—you feed them!"

"What!" they exclaimed. "We have exactly five small loaves of bread and two fish!"

"Bring them here," he said.

Then he told the people to sit down on the grass; and he took the five loaves and two fish, looked up into the sky, and asked God's blessing on the meal, then broke the loaves apart and gave them to the disciples to place before the people. And everyone ate until full! And when the scraps were picked up afterwards, there were twelve basketfuls left over! (About five thousand men were in the crowd that day, besides all the women and children.)

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

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

MESSAGE....."The Suffering Servant" .....Rev. Carolyn Doering

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN....."Standing on the Promises" .....Accompaniment Only

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:

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Colony Court:** Muriel Jenkins

**Foxdale Memory Care:** Gordy Miller, Gloria and Joe Tollefson

**Lakeshore Inn:** Liz Corchran, Leona Quast, George Kubista

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

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Michael Schumacher, family and friends of Gabi Krablicherova, Barbara Friedl, 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

For a period of time, we will not be passing around the microphone for announcements and prayer requests. If you have an announcement or prayer request you would like to have shared at Sunday service, please email the church office at [faithwaseca@gmail.com](mailto:faithwaseca@gmail.com) by Thursday. If you would like your announcement printed in the bulletin, please e-mail the announcement by Wednesday. If you do not have access to email, you may call the church office at 835-3167.

Please remember to practice social distancing when you are in the church building for any reason, including worship, small group meetings and visits to the office. We want to maintain a safe environment for all of our members, visitors and staff. As an added safety measure, the church building will remain locked during the week. If you wish to visit the church office during office hours, you may call ahead or ring the bell at the entrance and Stacy will let you in.

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at Christian Assembly on Tuesday, August 11 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Reserve your donation time at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**Attention all women of Faith:** UMW has not been forgotten! Our Waseca Faith UMW will meet on **Monday, August 17** in the church Fellowship Hall at **10:00 a.m.** Masks will be required and we will follow all the protocols in place for social distancing, etc. Refreshments will be served following appropriate safety guidelines for group gatherings.

There will be a brief meeting and Sherry Scholljegerdes will present a program "Learning to Be a Light". All women are welcome and urged to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL **NOT** BE A MEETING OF THE UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON MONDAY AUGUST 10.

Please note that Pastor Carolyn will be out of the office August 4 through 6. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time you may contact Rev. Bob Hunter at 835-3453.

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Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office August 11 through 13 and August 17.

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**Meet the Pastor** - In mid to late August, we will schedule small group meetings with Pastor Carolyn so you can get to know her and she can get to know all of you. These meetings will take place in the Fellowship Hall. We will schedule 7 to 8 individuals/families at a time. Each individual/household will be asked to sit at a separate table to maintain social distancing. If you are not comfortable coming to a meeting due to the situation with Covid, we can arrange a one on one meeting or a phone call. Once we have the dates arranged, Stacy will call you to get you scheduled.

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

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08/02/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion

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08/03/2020 (Mon.) 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*\*FH)

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07/31/2020 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**

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08/02/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 am - Noon

Tuesday: 1:30 - 3:30 pm

**Pastor Carolyn's Contact Info.:**

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