FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 7th, 2022~9:30 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.

<u>PRELUDE</u>

GREETING/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield. **Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name.** Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

HYMN......UMH #714 Have Believed".....UMH #714

UNISON PRAYER

God of grace, who are we that you should care for us? Yet you surprise us with grace, infuse us with hope, and teach us a better way. Make us ever more faithful, and ever more grateful, as we watch for the coming of your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Oh God, H**ear our prayer**

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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

DOXOLOGYUMH #95

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you pour out blessings and cover us with gifts of love. Accept these offerings for the sake of your children, that they may proclaim your mercy and embody your grace. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen

<u>HYMN</u>	"Take Time to Be Holy"	UMH #395
SCRIPTURE READING		Les Wells

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver. Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

SCRIPTURE READING......Pastor Carolyn

Luke 12:32-40

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

MESSAGE		Pastor Carolyn
HOLY COMMUNION		
<u>HYMN</u>	"Fill My Cup, Lord"	UMH #641
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: **Colony Court:** Joe Tollefson, Shirley Burdick **Janesville Nursing Home**: Nina Youngberg **Lakeshore Inn**: Leona Quast **Foxdale**: Lucille Kubista **Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg **Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim **Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Sue Baldini, Tom Kuyper, Roger Groskreutz and family, John Slattery, Gloria Rollag, Jerry Jellum, Kara Ecoff, 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

Sunday School News -- Sunday school will be held the second Sunday of the month in August. Children are welcome to sit at the children's activity table in the back of the sanctuary during worship when Sunday school is not in session. Beginning in September, Sunday school will meet the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office Monday, August 8, Thursday, August 25 and Monday, August 29.

Our church is participating with Minnesota Valley Action Council as a drop off site for their "Soap Closet". It is a program to help those in need with hygiene supplies in our county. The drop off box and list of needed items are in the narthex. Please review the list and consider donating items to help with this cause. Someone from Minnesota Valley Action Council will pick up the items monthly.

August-September Choir News

The choir will sing on August 21 ("We Have Gathered Here to Praise Him").

Our choir season will begin with a potluck supper on September 7 at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. Practice will follow. Anyone who likes to sing is invited to join us.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

08/07/2022 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship

08/08/2022 (Mon.) *Administrative Assistant Out of Office* 10:00 am - UMW Executive Board Meeting (*LV Room) 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

08/09/2022 (Tues.) 7:00 am - 8:00 pm - Primary Election (**FH)

08/07/2022 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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