

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9th, 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....."Upon the Water".....On Screen

OPENING PRAYER (Read by Rev. Carolyn Doering)

Holy God, you speak to us in a voice unexpected and come to us in ways we do not recognize. Never leaving us to our own devices or defenses, you are the every-present, all-powerful God. Call us out in faith again and again until we learn to walk with you in steadfast love and faithfulness, and in peace. In the name of him who comes to us upon the waters, Jesus the Christ. Amen

HYMN....."Wade in the Water".....Accompaniment Only

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING WORDS

We are stewards of all that God places in our hands – our time, our talents, our accumulated treasures – life itself. Our offering is not just about tithes and gifts for the church’s mission; it is about rededication of all of life in Christ’s service.

OFFERING PRAYER

God, we cannot deceive you with the appearance of generosity. You know how we manage the wealth entrusted to our care. Help us to know the joy of sharing from the abundance you provide. Help us to trust when we feel we do not have enough. We give thanks that you enable us to be givers, not just receivers. May what we offer here provide a helpful ministry to many. Amen

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Andrea Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 14:22-23

Immediately after this, Jesus told his disciples to get into their boat and cross to the other side of the lake while he stayed to get the people started home.

Then afterwards he went up into the hills to pray. Night fell, and out on the lake the disciples were in trouble. For the wind had risen and they were fighting heavy seas.

About four o'clock in the morning Jesus came to them, walking on the water! They screamed in terror, for they thought he was a ghost.

But Jesus immediately spoke to them, reassuring them. "Don't be afraid!" he said.

Then Peter called to him: "Sir, if it is really you, tell me to come over to you, walking on the water."

"All right," the Lord said, "come along!"

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and rescued him. "O man of little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" And when they had climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.

The others sat there, awestruck. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

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

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

MESSAGE....."Do(n't) Rock the Boat".....Rev. Carolyn Doering

HYMN....."Love Lifted Me".....Accompaniment Only

BENEDICTION

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

After Jesus caught Peter in the water, was Jesus' question, "you of little faith why did you doubt?" a reproach? When we are facing a great difficulty, do we doubt God's power? Do we doubt ourselves? Can you recall other biblical stories or a story from your own life, when God reached out to rescue or to overcome doubt and fear with the gift of increased faith?

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, 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 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.

Please note that Conversation, Bible & Friends will **not** meet on Monday, August 10 or Monday, August 17.

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.

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

Meet the Pastor - Small group meetings are being scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning August 18 and going through mid September to get acquainted with Pastor Carolyn. These meetings will take place in the Fellowship Hall. 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. If you have not yet been contacted by Stacy to be put on the schedule, you will receive a call from her soon.

Please note that Bob Stephan will be having surgery on August 19. Jon Schultz will be filling in for him as custodian during his recovery time.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

08/09/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

08/11/2020 (Tues.) **Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**
7:00 a.m. - 9:00p.m. - Primary Election (**FH)

08/12/2020 (Wed.) **Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**

08/13/2020 (Thur.) **Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**

08/14/2020 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**

08/16/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday: 9:00 am - Noon

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