

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**August 16<sup>th</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....."Amazing Grace" .....View On Screen

OPENING PRAYER (Read by Rev. Carolyn Doering)

Lord Jesus, Son of God, our blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross. Strengthen us to trust in your mercy, reach out for your healing, and receive your reconciliation. Amen.

HYMN....."All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" .....Accompaniment Only

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING WORDS

Christ has provided for us from his own table of blessings. Anointing and abundance overflows! Let us offer our gifts together from the bounty he has given.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine and more blessings than we deserve. Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you, that your mercy may be multiplied and your blessings abound to embrace all those in need. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Andrea Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 14:21-28

Jesus then left that part of the country and walked the fifty miles to Tyre and Sidon.

A woman from Canaan who was living there came to him, pleading, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, King David’s Son! For my daughter has a demon within her, and it torments her constantly.”

But Jesus gave her no reply—not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. “Tell her to get going,” they said, “for she is bothering us with all her begging.”

Then he said to the woman, “I was sent to help the Jews—the lost sheep of Israel—not the Gentiles.”

But she came and worshiped him and pled again, “Sir, help me!”

“It doesn’t seem right to take bread from the children and throw it to the dogs,” he said.

“Yes, it is!” she replied, “for even the puppies beneath the table are permitted to eat the crumbs that fall.”

“Woman,” Jesus told her, “your faith is large, and your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed right then.

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

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

MESSAGE....."Canaanite Lives Matter" .....Rev. Carolyn Doering

HYMN....."Grace Greater than Our Sin" .....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, 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.

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

**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 that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on August 17.

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**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 be sure to only attend the meeting you have been scheduled for so we are able to maintain social distancing.**

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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...**

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

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08/17/2020 (Mon.) **Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**  
10:00 a.m. - UMW Unit Meeting (\*\*FH)

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08/18/2020 (Tues.) 6:30 p.m.-Small Group Getting Acquainted Meeting (\*\*FH)

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08/20/2020 (Thur.) 6:30 p.m.-Small Group Getting Acquainted Meeting (\*\*FH)

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

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08/23/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Tuesday: 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Wednesday - Thursday: 9:00 am - Noon

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

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