

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 20th, 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

As the sun rises,
So does our prayer, loving God.
With each new dawn,
Renew our trust in you.
With our hearts lifted high,
We offer our praise in worship.

HYMN....."And Are We Yet Alive".....UMH #553

UNISON PRAYER

Lord, our God, we trust your promise to be among us as we gather. We come in the name of Jesus the Christ, drawn by your Spirit, eager to hear your Word. Fill our hearts with your Spirit and prepare us for faithful service. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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 God, you have called us to contribute to the needs of the saints and to extend hospitality to strangers. Bless these gifts that they may be a blessing to many in your name. Amen.

ANTHEM....."We're Gonna Have Church".....Faith Choir

SCRIPTURE READING.....Les Wells

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' And now your eyes see,

and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!^[a]
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now^[a] receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

HYMN....."O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"UMH #57

GOSPEL READING.....Pastor Jon Schultz

Matthew 15:10-28

And he called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.” Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard

this saying?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

MESSAGE....."Poor Gardeners and Crumby Tables".....Pastor Jon Schultz

HYMN....."This Is a Day of New Beginnings".....UMH #383

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, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, family of Lucille Kubista, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming UWF Dates:

United Women in Faith Executive Board meeting will be held on **Monday, August 28** at **10:00 am** in the Lakeview Room.

United Women in Faith Unit meeting will be held on **September 7** at **12:00 pm**. It will be a potluck picnic. Root beer floats will be provided for dessert. Pat Miller from "Shepherd's Robe" will be our speaker.

A handful of people still need to pick up their photo directories. They can be picked up in the office. **The photo directories are currently reserved for those who had their photos taken by the photographer. When you pick up your directory, please check your name off on the list so we can keep track of who received their directory.** After those who had their photos taken have picked up their directories, we will have a small number of extras that will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Additional non-photo directories have been printed. They are available on the table in the church office. Feel free to take one. More of these can be printed as needed. Let Stacy know if you would like one.

The choir season will begin with practice on Wednesday, September 6 and will sing September 10. Anyone is welcome to join us for fun fellowship and service to the Lord.

Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 10. We will begin by holding Sunday school on the second and fourth Sundays of the month as we did last year. Linda Griffin and Stacy True will be rotating as teachers. We would like to get to a point where we could hold Sunday school every Sunday. In order to do this, we need more volunteers who would be willing to fill in as substitute teachers. If you are interested in serving as a substitute, please let Pastor Jon or Stacy know.

Lucille Kubista passed away on August 15. Her funeral will be held on Saturday, August 26 at 2:00 pm. Visitation will be held prior to the service.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

08/20/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship
08/21/2023 (Mon.)	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 3:00-4:30pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
08/27/2023 (Sun.)	PANCAKE SUNDAY 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am- Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

Pastor's Office Hours this Week:

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

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