

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024~9:30 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.....*AFFIRMATION FROM I CORINTHIANS 15:1-6*.....UMH #888

HYMN....."Lord Be Glorified".....TFWS #2150

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God,

As we gather in your presence today, we lift our hearts in gratitude and praise. We thank you for the gift of this church service, a time to come together as a community of faith. We acknowledge your sovereignty and the countless blessings you bestow upon us daily. May our worship be a sweet offering to you, filled with thanksgiving for your unending love and grace. We humbly ask for your presence to guide us throughout this service, and we give thanks for your constant companionship.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

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

Gracious God, I come to you in thankfulness for your unending provision. You provide food in abundance and protection under the shelter of your wings. You grant rest and renew my strength. You guide me along the right paths and restore my soul. Even when I am confronted with danger, you are close beside me as my shield. You honor me, and I overflow with blessings. I truly lack nothing. Your goodness and unfailing love chase after me. Thank you, God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Linda Griffin

EZRA 3:10-13

Now when the builders had laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD according to the directions of King David of Israel. And they sang, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, saying, "For He is good, for His favor is upon Israel forever." And all the people shouted with a great shout of joy when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. Yet many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' households, the old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, while many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the shout of joy from the sound of the weeping of the people, because the people were shouting with a loud shout, and the sound was heard far away.

ZECHARIAH 4:6-10a

Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel, saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of armies. 'What are you, you great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring out the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"

Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of armies has sent me to you. For who has shown contempt for the day of small things?"

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN....."Make Me A Servant"TFWS #2176

MESSAGE....."The Day of Small Things"Pastor Victor

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN....."Blest Be The Tie That Binds"UMH #557

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, Gloria Rollag

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Gloria Rollag, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, Tom Kuyper, Family & Friends of Ardella Draheim, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the end of the pews.

Faith's Blessing Box – Just a reminder that we are continuously collecting donations of non-perishable food items for Faith's Blessing Box (please no glass jars). There is a donation box in the Narthex or you may bring your donations into the church office during office hours. Cash donations will also be accepted to purchase items for the blessing box; just make a notation that your donation is for the blessing box. We would like to build up a supply of items so we can keep replenishing the box as needed.

Trunk or Treat – We have had some discussion and decided if we do a trunk or treat/Halloween event, it will take place inside, in the Fellowship Hall. We still need to get an idea of how many people are able to participate before we decide whether or not to host this event. If you know you can participate, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex during the coming weeks, or let Stacy know if you are able to participate. Also, ask friends, family members and neighbors if they would like to sign up.

Choir practice begins this Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00. If you would like to join the choir, they are happy to welcome new members. Please consider joining for fun, fellowship, and of course, singing! You do not need to attend every week to participate in the choir.

Please note that Stacy will be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday morning this week from 9:30 to 12:30. Stacy will not be in the office on Wednesday, September 4.

Please take a moment to answer the enclosed brief survey. We would like everyone's input on these two questions as we re-visit and move forward with the Conversation at the Crossroads process. You do not need to sign the survey, all responses may be kept anonymous. You can put your responses in the offering plate or the "in box" outside of the office door. Thank you for your participation!

Due to the low number of participants, we have decided not to offer Sunday School this year. Should families express an interest in Sunday School, we can re-visit this decision in the future. We do plan to offer a once per month youth group for ages 10 and up. Stay tuned to future newsletters and Sunday bulletin announcements for dates and times and more information.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

09/01/2024 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30am - Worship Service 11:00am – Fellowship Lunch at Pizza Ranch
09/02/2024 (Mon.)	Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>
09/04/2024 (Tues.)	7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
09/08/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30am to 12:30pm

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

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

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