

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 3rd, 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

O God, you pour out your spirit of grace and love.

Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with burning zeal and steady minds we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

HYMN....."The Summons"TFWS #2130

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us. Help us to hear you. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYERS OF 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

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give them with a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Janet Welch

Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Then Israel came to Egypt;
Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
And the LORD made his people very fruitful
and made them stronger than their foes.
He turned their hearts to hate his people,
to deal craftily with his servants.
He sent Moses, his servant,
and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.
Praise the LORD!

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

HYMN..... "The Servant Song"TFWS #2222

SCRIPTURE READINGS.....Pastor Jon Schultz

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

MESSAGE....."Don't Talk Like That!"Pastor Jon Schultz

HOLY COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN....."I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"TFWS #2129

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

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast, Marian Broughten

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, family of Lucille Kubista, family of Chuck Youngberg, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 few people still have not picked up their photo directories. Stacy has set these aside in the office. The extra photo directories are on the table in the office and available on a first come, first serve basis.

There are also a couple of non-photo directories 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.

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.

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.

At the August 30 meeting, our Leadership Team agreed to enter into an agreement with Waseca Public Schools for our church building to serve as an emergency evacuation location for Hartley. Students and staff would come to the church if Hartley needed to evacuate for any emergency situation and would serve as the place for reunification with parents. The representative from the school said it would be helpful if we could provide a list of volunteers from the church who would be willing to come in and assist with students should they ever need to evacuate. Please let Stacy know if you would be willing to be added to this list of volunteers.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

09/03/2023 (Sun.) BIRTHDAY SUNDAY
9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:30 am – Fellowship

09/04/2023 (Mon.) Labor Day
Church Office Closed

09/06/2023 (Wed.) 7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)

09/07/2023 (Thurs.) 12:00 pm – UWF Potluck Picnic

09/10/2023 (Sun.) 9:30 am – Worship Service
10:00 am – Sunday School
10:30 am- Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

Pastor's Office Hours this Week:

Thursday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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