

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 4th, 2022~9:30 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

When we try to hide,
God always finds us.

When we crawl into the darkness,
even there we don't escape God's eyes.

Are you tired of running from the one who loves you?

We are here at last, ready and eager to be made whole.

Let us worship the living God.

HYMN....."Living for Jesus".....TFWS #2149, vs. 1, 2 & 3

UNISON PRAYER

O Lord, you are the potter, we are the clay. Take our lives, O God, and remake us anew. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may be filled with living water. Fit us for your purposes, that we may be wholly yours. Amen

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Oh Lord,
Hear our prayer

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving Potter, you are ever mindful of your people. You fashion us into vessels fit for your service, and transform our gifts and offerings, into vessels to serve your world well. You are worthy of our praise and glory. Amen

HYMN....."How Great Thou Art"UMH #77

SCRIPTURE READING.....Edy Barber

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
 O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot attain it.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
 Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
 My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

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

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom

that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HOLY COMMUNION

Special Music.....Bob Stephan

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

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:

Colony Court: Joe Tollefson, Shirley Burdick

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tom Kuyper, Roger Groskreutz and family, the Slattery family, Gloria Rollag, Kara Ecoff, Norma Buland, 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

Sunday School News -- Beginning in September, Sunday school will meet the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Children are welcome to sit at the children's activity table in the back of the sanctuary during worship when Sunday school is not in session.

I will be gone September 7 through September 12. Jon Schultz will be filling in during this time. His phone number is (507)215-5860.

Bob

On Sunday, September 11 we will have a corn feed and potluck after worship service. Corn and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Hope to see you there!

The choir season will begin with a potluck supper on September 7 at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. Practice will follow. Anyone who likes to sing is invited to join us.

We Can Use Your Help:

Sept.10th 8-2 Garage Sale

Please bring your items to church anytime if you have a key

Help with set up and pricing

Berts will be at church 10-3 week before sale

Remember this money goes to Missions thru UWF

Thanks for your support

Oct 1st UWF Conference Gathering here. We need your help!

The clipboard is in the Fellowship Hall to sign up or call Sherry at 835-4304

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

09/04/2022 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday
9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion
Blessing of the Backpacks
10:30 am - Fellowship

09/05/2022 (Mon.) Labor Day
Church Office Closed

09/07/2022 (Wed.) 6:00 pm - Choir Potluck (**FH)
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

09/08/2022 (Thur.) 10:30 am - Bible Study

09/10/2022 (Sat.) 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - Autumn Fest Sale

09/11/2022 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service
10:00 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Fellowship (Corn Feed)

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

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