

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 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

Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

**We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!**

What do you seek from God, our Creator?

**We seek God's wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.**

Are you ready to follow when God's wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

**We will trust, and we will follow wherever God's wisdom leads us.**

Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

**Come! Let us worship and seek God's uncommon wisdom together! Amen.**

HYMN....."All Things Bright and Beautiful" .....UMH #147

UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

ANTHEM.....“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone” .....Faith Choir

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

**Loving Creator, we dedicate these offerings with hearts guided by your wisdom and grace. Use these offerings to uplift those in need, fostering hope and peace in our community. May we live out your wisdom in our actions and generosity. This we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Les Wells

**Psalm 125**

**A song of ascents.**

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.  
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds his people  
both now and forevermore.  
The scepter of the wicked will not remain  
over the land allotted to the righteous,

for then the righteous might use  
their hands to do evil.  
LORD, do good to those who are good,  
to those who are upright in heart.  
But those who turn to crooked ways  
the LORD will banish with the evildoers.  
Peace be on Israel.

**James 2:14-17**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

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

HYMN....."Open My Eyes, That I May See".....UMH #454

SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Dong Hun Shin

**Mark 7:24-30**

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

"First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

MESSAGE.....“Challenge Yourself” .....Rev. Dong Hun Shin

HOLY COMMUNION.....UMH #9-11

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.....“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” .....UMH #664

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, 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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Please note that Stacy will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning this week from 9:30 to 1:00. Stacy will **not** be in the office on Monday, September 9.

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The Leadership Team would like everyone's input on the two survey questions that were inserted into last week's bulletin and the September newsletter. We are gathering information 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. Please return all responses by Sunday, September 15. If you need another copy of the survey, please let Stacy know.

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Ruth Circle will meet this Tuesday, September 10 at 1:00 in the Gathering Room. The meeting will be hosted by Linda and Jean will do the program.

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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09/08/2024 (Sun.) 9:30am - Worship Service with Holy Communion  
10:30am - Fellowship

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09/09/2024 (Mon.) ***Administrative Assistant Out of Office***  
3:00-4:30pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)

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09/10/2024 (Tues.) 1:00pm - Ruth Circle (Gathering Room)

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09/11/2024 (Wed.) 7:00pm - Choir Practice (\*LV Room)

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09/15/2024 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Fellowship

\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30am to 1:00pm

**Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:**

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

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