

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020~9:30 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

Video....."Forgiveness".....View on Screen

OPENING PRAYER (Read by Rev. Carolyn Doering)

God, our source and our salvation, in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion and in the world to come receive the everlasting joy of fellowship you share with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

HYMN....."My Hope Is Built".....Accompaniment Only

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS

PRAYERS

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

**Romans 14:1-12.....Janet Welch**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?<sup>[d]</sup> For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to<sup>[f]</sup> God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**Matthew 18:21-35.....Rev. Carolyn Doering**

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;<sup>1</sup> and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister<sup>[e]</sup> from your heart.”

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD**

MESSAGE....."Seventy Times Seven" .....Rev. Carolyn Doering

HYMN....."Freely, Freely" .....Accompaniment Only

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:

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Colony Court:** Muriel Jenkins

**Foxdale Memory Care:** Gloria and Joe Tollefson

**Lakeshore Inn:** Liz Corchran, Leona Quast

**Latham Place:** Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Michael Schumacher, Bonnie True, 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

For a period of time, we will not be passing around the microphone for announcements and prayer requests. If you have an announcement or prayer request you would like to have shared at Sunday service, please email the church office at [faithwaseca@gmail.com](mailto:faithwaseca@gmail.com) by Thursday. If you would like your announcement printed in the bulletin, please e-mail the announcement by Wednesday. If you do not have access to email, you may call the church office at 835-3167.

Please remember to practice social distancing and wear a mask when you are in the church building for any reason, including worship, small group meetings and visits to the office. We want to maintain a safe environment for all of our members, visitors and staff. As an added safety measure, the church building will remain locked during the week. If you wish to visit the church office during office hours, you may call ahead or ring the bell at the entrance and Stacy will let you in.

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**Meet the Pastor** - Small group meetings have been scheduled to get acquainted with Pastor Carolyn. If you have not been scheduled and would like to attend a meeting, please contact Stacy at the church office. **Please be sure to only attend the meeting you have been scheduled for so we are able to maintain social distancing.**

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In the loss of our annual Bazaar, we offer the following suggestion to our Faith Church family, along with our heartfelt gratitude for all the help and contributions you have generously given in past years. Perhaps you donated baked goods, canned produce, jams & jellies, cookies, lovingly created crafts...maybe you gave ingredients for the soup or pies for the luncheon. Many of you gave cash or checks to help purchase beef for the vegetable soup...and lots of people each year made this an all-church event because when volunteers were greatly needed to help prepare, serve, and clean up in the kitchen or dining room, you said yes, I will work. Our UMW Unit will gratefully accept monetary gifts as you're able to donate to our treasury. Questions may be directed to Sandy Voshell, UMW Treasurer. Thank you, and God bless you and yours.

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Please note that Stacy's hours will be varied for a period of time as her family adjusts to a distance learning schedule for school. Stacy hopes to post set hours in the coming weeks once a routine has been established. For the time being, please call the office if you need to come in to make sure Stacy or Pastor Carolyn will be in.

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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09/13/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

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09/14/2020 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*\*FH)

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09/15/2020 (Tues.) 6:30 p.m.-Small Group Getting Acquainted Meeting (\*\*FH)

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09/16/2020 (Wed.) 6:30 p.m.-Small Group Getting Acquainted Meeting (\*\*FH)

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09/17/2020 (Thur.) 6:30 p.m. – Trustees Meeting (\*\*FH)

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09/18/2020 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**

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09/19/2020 (Sat.) 10:00 a.m. – Food @ Faith (Church Parking Lot)

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09/20/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

### **Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Hours will vary. Please call if you need to come to the office.

### **Pastor Carolyn's Contact Info.:**

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