

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20th, 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....."Unfailing Love".....View on Screen

OPENING PRAYER (Read by Rev. Carolyn Doering)

Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives, calling to us, gathering us in, you give us your good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace. Increase in us a generous spirit so that we may do you or work with joy alongside others whom you also love. We celebrate your salvation not only in our lives, but also in the lives of other people, even those we had not imagined would be included in the kingdom you are bringing. Align us with your ways and help us receive your gift of justice and mercy as good news. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

HYMN....."Give Thanks"Accompaniment Only

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS

PRAYERS

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45.....Karen Ferch

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful 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 wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.
Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.
He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.
They asked, and he brought quails,
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.
He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.
For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.
So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

He gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,
that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.
Praise the Lord!

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD
ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

Matthew 20:1-6.....Rev. Carolyn Doering

Or the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

MESSAGE....."Is God Fair?"Rev. Carolyn Doering

HYMN....."Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"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, 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 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.

Reminder – The UMW Garage Sale has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church parking lot. If you are able to help, please let Berts know.

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.

Please note that due to distance learning, Stacy's hours in the church office will be limited. Anticipated hours for the week will be posted on the "Week at a Glance" page in the bulletin. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office to see Stacy or Pastor Carolyn to make sure the office will be open.

We will be having an outdoor worship service on Sunday, October 4, weather permitting. Please bring your own chair. Due to the outdoor service, we will postpone Communion Sunday to October 11.

Relay for Life team is putting on a VFW breakfast on Sunday, September 27, 2020. We will be serving from 7:30 to 12:00. The breakfast is all you can eat and it is good. The cost is \$10.00 for adults.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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

09/21/2020 (Mon.) Newsletter Deadline
3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (**FH)

09/22/2020 (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting (**FH)

09/25/2020 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**

09/26/2020 (Sat.) 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Garage Sale (Church Parking Lot)

09/27/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday: 9:30 am to Noon

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 am to Noon

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