

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 4<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....."Parable of the Land Owner" .....Video on Screen

OPENING PRAYER (Read by Rev. Carolyn Doering)

Holy God, maker of heaven and earth, out of your great love for the world you sent us your beloved Son – but we sent him to his death. Have mercy on us, O Lord; forgive us, renew us, restore us so that we may be the people of your vineyard and bear good fruit for your holy realm; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

HYMN....."Grace Alone" .....Andrea Johnson

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS

PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC....."Just a Closer Walk With Thee" .....Bob Stephan

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Psalm 19**.....**Les Wells**

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.  
The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.  
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD**

**Matthew 21:33-36.....Rev. Carolyn Doering**

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

MESSAGE....."The Parable of the Landowner" .....Rev. Carolyn Doering

HYMN....."Come, Share the Lord" .....Andrea Johnson

HOLY COMMUNION

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, Liz Corchran, 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. **We also want to hear any joys you have so please email or call the church with any that you would like to share!**

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.

**Bible Study** - A fall Bible study is scheduled for October. It will be the movie series, 'The Chosen'. It is a show about Jesus' life. It allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus Christ, this show is for you. There will be seven sessions and each session is roughly one hour long and it would be shown over seven weeks. The starting date is Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Church sanctuary. If there is enough interest, we can have a showing on Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. You are asked to wear your mask and to practice safe distancing. Please let Roberta or Roger Walker know if you are interested in attending, 507-461-3474.

We will have Blessing of the Pets on Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 to 11:00 am (come and go) in the church parking lot.

We are in the process of implementing a messaging service called One Call Now which we will use to send out messages regarding cancellations, reminders or other important information. When you sign in on the attendance registration pad, please write down the email and/or phone number you would like to be used for messages.

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

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10/04/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

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10/05/2020 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*\*FH)

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10/08/2020 (Wed.) 10:30 am – Bible Study (Sanctuary)

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10/09/2020 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**

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10/10/2020 (Sat.) 10:00 – 11:00 am – Blessing of Pets (Parking Lot)

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10/11/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 am – Worship Service

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday: 9:30 am to Noon

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 am to Noon

\*These are anticipated hours. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office.

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