

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017~9:30 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.*

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/ WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP....."Into My Heart" ..... TFWS No. 2160

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING.....**Psalm 99**

L: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

**All: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!**

L: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them. In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

**All: O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

L: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

ANTHEM .....“I Love You Lord” .....Faith Choir

KIDS TIME

SUNDAY SCHOOL All children are invited to attend Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

SCRIPTURE READING .....**Ephesians 4:17-32**

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!— 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him

labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Make Me a Servant” .....TFWS No. 2176

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE .....“Soft Hearts: Strong Hands” .....Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING.....“Give Thanks” .....TFWS No. 2036

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN.....“Take My Life, and Let It Be” .....UMH No. 399

\*SENDING FORTH.....

Lord our God, we thank you for the great light you send throughout the world to let us know that you forgive, that no sin is too great for you to forgive. Grant that people may cry out, "Have mercy on me, O God!" Give them the spirit of prayer in their hearts to call, "Father, forgive us our sins." Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and humility, and then forgive their sins. Wherever a soul is sighing, wherever someone is calling to you, hear him.

May our prayers come before your throne. Hear and answer us. We have so much on our hearts that we cannot rightly express it all. We pray for others

too. Father, forgive them. Clear away all the obstacles so that your judgment can be merciful toward those whom you forgive. Be with us. May we be a church community of Jesus Christ, washed in his blood, with strength to face every bitter outburst of the world's fury and still forgive. May our prayer remain, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Amen.

*Christoph Friedrich Blumhardt*

## EXIT MUSIC

### **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 Memory & Care Suites:** Ann Swenson, Dick Westrum

**Colony Court:** Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Peter Fog, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Fern Papke

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran, Elaine Westrum

**Latham Place:** Lucille and George Kubista

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Prayer Requests from Sunday: Prayer Requests from Sunday:** the people of California who have been left homeless and those who have lost loved one; Leona Quast, Darlene Larson, Darla Danhert, Bruce Born, Darlene Smith, Jan and Bud Cole, Don Paulson.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CONFIRMATION** every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. SERMON NOTE OUTLINES are on the table in the Narthex.

**YOUTH GROUP** October 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 at Church.

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**NEWSLETTER FOLDING** - We are looking for more volunteers to help with folding newsletters each month. This is normally scheduled during the fourth week of the month, usually Wednesday or Thursday. This month's newsletter folding is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church office. Please join us if you are able.

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Today we are celebrating Pastor Appreciation Sunday. This is a chance to thank Pastor Victor and Patrice for all they do for us. A basket will be downstairs for cards and well wishes.

Janet Welch, Membership Care Team

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**Trunk or Treat** will be on **Tuesday, October 31st**, from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** in the church parking lot. If you are able to have a trunk please come. If not, you can donate candy by the bag or write a check. Thanks for your help.

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### **M & M Night**

Fifty-two people attended the Meal and Movie night that was on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

It appeared that the 'Walking tacos' were a success and heard lots of comments from people on how much they enjoyed the movie, 'What the Deaf Man Heard'.

The next movie will be next January on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Put that on your calendar!

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

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10/22/2017 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

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10/23/2017 (Mon.) Faith Messenger Mailed This Week  
3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Relay for Life Meeting (\*\*FH)

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10/24/2017 (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting (\*LV Room)

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10/25/2017 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m. - Newsletter Folding (Church Office)  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

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10/27/2017 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. - Devotional at Colony Court

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10/29/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Youth Group at the Church

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall