

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022~9:30 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

**How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord hosts! My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My flesh sings for joy to the living God. Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord ever singing your praise, O God. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

HYMN....."I Am Thine, O Lord" .....UMH #419

UNISON PRAYER

**Righteous and gracious Lord, you reveal to us the way of goodness and life. Reach us humility that we may trust in your power, and not our own, and make us ever grateful; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

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.

ANTHEM....."Resting in Your Arms" .....Faith Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

God of Mercy  
**hear our prayer**

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

OFFERING PRAYER

**Holy and merciful God, you know the joy that is in us when we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions for the work you set before us. Use these gifts to heal and teach, comfort and challenge, that all the world might give you praise. Amen**

HYMN....."Lord I Want to Be a Christian" .....UMH #402

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

**Joel 2:23-32**

O children of Zion, be glad,  
and rejoice in the Lord your God,  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing floors shall be full of grain;  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.  
I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army that I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel  
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
Then afterward  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days I will pour out my spirit.  
I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of  
smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and  
terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be  
saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has  
said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

## **Psalm 65**

Praise is due to you,  
O God, in Zion,  
and to you shall vows be performed,  
O you who answer prayer!  
To you all flesh shall come.  
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.  
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near  
to live in your courts.  
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
your holy temple.  
By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.  
By your strength you established the mountains;  
you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.  
Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.  
You visit the earth and water it;  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.  
You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.  
You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
The pastures of the wilderness overflow;  
the hills gird themselves with joy;  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;  
the valleys deck themselves with grain;  
they shout and sing together for joy.

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

GOSPEL READING.....Pastor Carolyn

**Luke 18:9-14**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

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:

**Colony Court:** Joe Tollefson, Shirley Burdick

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Leona Quast

**Foxdale:** Lucille Kubista

**Benedictine Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**New Richland Care Center:** Norma Buland

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Sue Baldini, Tom Kuyper, Roger Groskreutz and family, Gloria Rollag, Kara Ecoff, Norma Buland, 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**

On Saturday, October 29, 4:00 to 7:00 pm, we are having a Halloween party for our children and youth and any friends they want to invite. We plan to have a meal, pumpkin decorating, games and more. If you would like to volunteer to help or donate some funds for the party, it would be appreciated! **If you are planning to attend the party, please sign up so we can have an idea of how many to plan for. Stacy will have the sign-up sheet at Sunday School today.**

The Church Council has scheduled our annual charge conference for **Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We are holding our own charge conference rather than attending all district conference. Please plan to attend as we conduct the important business of the church.

The annual Soup Luncheon is coming up on Saturday, November 5. We will be serving from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please plan to attend. The suggested donation is \$9.00.

Just a reminder: We are still collecting items for the "Soap Closet" for Minnesota Valley Action Council to provide hygiene products to those in need in our county. This is an ongoing project. Please consider donating hygiene items. The collection box and list of needed items is located in the narthex.

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

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10/23/2022 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Fellowship

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10/24/2022 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30 pm-Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)

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10/25/2022 (Tues) 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting

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10/26/2022 (Wed.) 7:00 pm - Choir Practice

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10/27/2022 (Thur.) 10:30 am - Bible Study  
1:00 pm - Newsletter Folding

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10/29/2022 (Sat.) 4:00 - 7:00 pm - Youth Halloween Party (\*\*FH)

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10/30/2022 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Fellowship

\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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