

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**November 8<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

We come to hear the stories  
of other people  
in another world  
long ago.

We come to hear the stories  
that are also about us  
today  
in this place.

God, give us ears to listen,  
eyes to see,  
hearts to accept

OPENING PRAYER

Ten lamps gathered, with oil enough for all.  
Ten lamps gathered,  
But five are empty showing careless disregard.  
Ten lamps gathered,

Five blaze with oil abundant enough to share.  
Ten lamps gathered,  
Five lifeless when laziness and greed collide.  
Ten lamps gathered...  
How many will burn tonight?  
Creator God, giver of oil, hear us as we pray...  
For generous hearts to share oil with our neighbors.  
Creator God, giver of oil, hear us as we pray...  
For the vision necessary to leave our comfortable seats in search of oil.  
Creator God, giver of oil, hear us as we pray...  
For forgiveness for the ways our selfishness and our apathy collide.  
Ten lamps gathered, with oil enough for all.  
Come children of God, into a sacred circle  
Where sharing creates abundance  
And no one leaves hungry. Amen

HYMN..... "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" .....Accompaniment Only

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS

PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Andrea Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING

**Psalm 78:1-7**.....**Karen Ferch**

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.  
We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob,  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors  
to teach to their children;  
that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and rise up and tell them to their children,  
so that they should set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments;

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

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD**

**Matthew 25:1-13**.....**Pastor Carolyn**

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

MESSAGE....."The Midnight Call".....**Pastor Carolyn**

HYMN....."I Want to Be Ready".....**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

**Whispering Creek Care Center Janesville:** Muriel Jenkins

**Foxdale Memory Care:** Gloria and Joe Tollefson, Elaine Westrum

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

**Latham Place:** Lucille Kubista

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Michael Schumacher, Nancy Tollefson, 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!**

Just a reminder - Stacy's anticipated hours for the week will be posted on the "Week at a Glance" page. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office.

If you are planning to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas, please sign up on the list posted outside the sanctuary door. We need to have an idea of how many people will be helping so we can schedule shifts, if needed, to stay within the Covid-19 guidelines. You may also call the church office to have your name added to the list.

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Waseca Area Caregiver Services will be hosting a Burger Fry fundraiser on **Friday, November 20** at the American Legion in Waseca. Tickets are \$9.00 and can be purchased at the following locations:

Waseca American Legion  
700 S. State St.

Waseca Music Store  
111 S. State St.

Waseca Area Caregiver Services  
113 2nd St. NW

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Just a reminder -- the fourth Sunday of the month is "Pancake Sunday". Please bring in pancake mix and/or syrup which will be donated to the food shelf.

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Elaine Westrum has moved to Foxdale. Her new address is 500 22nd Ave. NW, #106, Waseca, MN.

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

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11/08/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

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11/09/2020 (Mon.) 10:00 am - UMW Executive Board Meeting (\*\*FH)  
3:00 - 4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*\*FH)

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11/10/2020 (Tue.) 10:30 am - Ruth Circle (\*\*FH)

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11/12/2020 (Thur.) 10:00 am - Bible Study (Sanctuary)

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11/13/2020 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**

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11/15/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday & Wednesday: 9:30 am to Noon

Thursday: 1:30 to 4:00 pm

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

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