

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**November 15<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

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;  
**you have been our home throughout all ages.**  
You were there before the world was made and will be forever.  
**From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value. Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel, that all may enter into the joy of Christ. **Amen**

HYMN....."I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me".....Accompaniment Only

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS

PRAYERS

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, God of grace, hear our prayer.

Holy God, you welcome us into your joy and entrust us with your gospel. In hope for the world to come and with love for the world you made we offer our prayers for your church, your earth, and your people. For your church, in this community and around the world, that your good news may be proclaimed to all...

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For oppressors, that they might know justice, and those oppressed, that they might know peace....

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For your creation, that we may be the caretakers you intend...

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the young that they might be nurtured in love...

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

For those who fight the demons of addiction, that they might find relief...

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

For those who face an early death and those they leave behind, that they may be comforted...

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who care for the suffering and those in their charge, that they would be freed from pain and fear...

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all those about whom we worry and those whose troubles are known only to you...

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All this we pray with gratitude for your eternal love and extravagant grace; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Andrea Johnson

## SCRIPTURE READING

### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.....Les Wells**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **Matthew 25:14-30.....Pastor Carolyn**

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in

charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

MESSAGE....."The Parable of the Talents" .....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."This Little Light of Mine" .....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, Linda Wilson, 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.

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

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.

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

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11/16/2020 (Mon.) **Newsletter Deadline**  
10:00 am - UMW Unit Meeting (\*\*FH)

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11/19/2020 (Thur.) 10:00 am – Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
6:30 pm - Trustees Meeting (\*\*FH)

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11/20/2020 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**

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11/22/2020 (Sun.) Pancake Sunday  
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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