

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 12, 2023~9:30 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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"
Yes, our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.
Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!
We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

HYMN....."Stand Up and Bless the Lord"UMH #662, vs. 1, 2, 3

UNISON PRAYER

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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..... “Hallelujah, By and By”Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

Lord Jesus, receive these gifts as a sign of our love for you and our commitment to serve you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Les Wells

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac.

“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and

preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.” And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem.

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

HYMN....."Blessed Assurance"UMH #369

SCRIPTURE READINGS.....Pastor Jon Schultz

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For 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, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

MESSAGE....."Olive Oyl"Pastor Jon Schultz

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN....."The Battle Hymn of the Republic"UMH #717, vs. 1, 3, 5

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, Margaret Hasslen, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving dinner will be served at Christian Assembly Church, 900 14th Avenue SE, on Thursday, November 23 at Noon. Sign up at the Waseca Senior Center or call Christian Assembly at 507-833-1082 before noon on Friday, November 17. There is no charge for the meal; all donations gratefully accepted.

Please review the insert regarding the “Conversations at the Crossroads” process. Our first session is scheduled for **Monday, November 20 at 6:30 pm**. All members of the congregation are invited to attend. Our second session will consist of interviews on Tuesday, November 28. Interview participants will consist of leadership team members. Active members are also encouraged to sign up for an interview session. Interview sessions will be 20 to 30 minutes. Couples may sign up for one time slot together. Please sign up today if you’d like to participate. Our consultant would like to have the interview schedule completed by the November 20 meeting. If time slots for November 28 get filled and you would like to participate, please let Stacy know. The consultant will be available to conclude interviews the morning of Wednesday, November 29 if needed.

Nov. 13th at 10:00 United Women in Faith - Exec Board Meeting

Nov. 20th (Mon.) at 1:00 United Women in Faith Quarterly Meeting

Important Meeting- Election of Officers

Speaker is Cindy, Director of Waseca Food Shelf and Thrift Store.

Please come, your input is important!

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Room.

Waseca Area Caregiver Services is having a Burger Fry and Karaoke Night fundraiser. This event will take place on Friday, November 17 at the Waseca American Legion. The Burger Fry is 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Karaoke will go from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. Tickets can be purchased at Waseca Area Caregiver Services or at the American Legion on the night of the event. Cost is \$9/ticket.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

11/12/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Fellowship
11/13/2023 (Mon.)	10:00 am – UWF Executive Board Meeting (*LV Room) 3:00-4:30 pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
11/14/2023 (Tue.)	1:00 pm – Ruth Circle (Gathering Room)
11/15/2023 (Wed.)	7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
11/19/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am – Worship Service 10:30 am- Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Pastor's Office Hours this Week:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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