

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 4, 2024~9:30 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

The Bread of Life has come among us.

What is this Bread of Life?

It is none other than Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son!

We hunger for the true bread that will nourish our souls.

Come, then, to Christ who feeds us with his very life!

We come, needing sustenance and nurturing. AMEN

HYMN....."The Church's One Foundation"UMH #546, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

UNISON PRAYER

O Lord, continue to extend your grace and mercy to us. We did not testify about your faithfulness. We were too busy to speak a word in your name. Good Lord, extend your grace and mercy as we ask your forgiveness. In order to receive your forgiveness, we know that we need to forgive everyone who has offended us. Help us to hold our gift of forgiveness from you. Set us free to live fully in you, and to love all. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

SPECIAL MUSIC.....“Forever Friends”Melody Kluntz & Alison Prange

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

Merciful God, in this time of offering, we come before you, acknowledging your steadfast grace and boundless love. As we present our gifts, may we also offer our hearts, recognizing the need for your healing touch. Grant us the courage to confront our failings and the wisdom to seek reconciliation and renewal in your divine presence. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Les Wells

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN.....“Bread of the World”UMH #624

SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Dong Hun Shin

John 6:24-35

Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

“Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

MESSAGE....."I am the Bread of Life"Rev. Dong Hun Shin

HOLY COMMUNION.....UMH, pg. 9-11

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....."Just as I Am, Without One Plea"UMH #357, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

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

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Gloria Rollag, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, Reilly Schumacher, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, family and friends of Nina Youngberg, Tom Kuyper, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

08/04/2024 (Sun.)	BIRTHDAY SUNDAY 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship
08/05/2024 (Mon.)	3:00 - 4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
08/06/2024 (Tues.)	<i>Pastor Dong Out of Office</i>
08/07/2024 (Wed.)	<i>Pastor Dong Out of Office</i>
08/08/2024 (Thurs.)	<i>Pastor Dong at Clergy Meeting</i>
08/11/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday: 1:00 to 3:00pm

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

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

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