FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ASCENSION SUNDAY
MAY 17, 2026~9:30 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

Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

Through Christ, we are made one with God.

In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

Through Christ, we are made one in God.

Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.

So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN……"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"……UMH #154, vs. 1-3

UNISON PRAYER

God and Creator of all humankind, your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one, even as you our God are one. May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts, so that by the power of the Spirit, we might find the Oneness that you intend for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM…… "Above All"……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

God of Grace, we bring these gifts as a sign of our shared commitment to your mission in the world. Let our giving reflect our love and our generosity embody Christ's presence among us. Use these offerings to strengthen the church, to bless our neighbors, and to glorify your name. In Christ, we belong to you. In Christ, you are glorified in us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING……Mark LaMont

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.

For the LORD Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.
He subdued nations under us,
peoples under our feet.
He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.
The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.

Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

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

HYMN…… “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”……UMH #89

MESSAGE……“Mission of the Church”…….Rev. Dong Hun Shin

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……“Blessed Assurance”……UMH #369

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:

Whispering Creek, Janesville: Margaret Dahnert
Foxdale: Sherry Scholljegerdes
Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno
Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy
Prayer Requests for Sunday: Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Lori Schneidewind, Darla Dahnert, Nancy Tollefson, DJ Choi, Karen Ferch, Lona Willaimson, Jon Schultz, Ed Herbig, Bud Deno, Roger Walker, Gary Born, Doug Dahnert, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews. To assist the ushers, please tear off the page after signing and leave it on top of the attendance pad.

Pastor Dong will be on vacation with his family in South Korea May 18 through June 5. Rev. Moses Hong will be filling in on May 24. Rev. Jon Schultz will be filling in on May 31.

On Sunday, May 24 we will celebrate the graduation of Alyssa Kilmer during fellowship time. Please join us to share this joy with Alyssa and her family.

On Saturday, May 23 a Celebration of Life service for Douglas Hunter will be held at Faith church at 10:00am.

On Sunday, June 21 we will have a farewell gathering potluck during fellowship for Pastor Dong. Please bring a dish to pass.

Please note that on Wednesday, May 20, Stacy will be in the office from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Stacy will be out of the office June 15 to 19 and on Thursday, June 25.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE…

05/17/2026 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship 2:00pm – Barb Klampe Piano Recital (FH)
05/18/2026 (Mon.)	Newsletter Deadline
05/19/2026 (Tues.)	6:30-9:30pm – Order of the Eastern Star Meeting (FH)
05/20/2026 (Wed.)	7:00pm – Choir Practice
05/23/2026 (Sat.)	10:00am – Celebration of Life for Douglas Hunter
05/24/2026 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service (Rev. Moses Hong filling in) 10:30am – Fellowship (Graduation Celebration for Alyssa Kilmer)

Deposits May 10 (this was combined with May 3): $7,501.50 to operating account; $2,395.00 to trustees

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:
Monday & Thursday: 9:30am to 12:30pm
Wednesday: 10:30am to 12:30pm

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:
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