FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 2, 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 (Genesis 32, Matthew 14 & 15)

"Come, all who are weary.

Christ strengthens us with love and grace.

In this strength, we can do all things.

We are here, ready to receive God's blessings."

HYMN……"Let Us Break Bread Together"……UMH #618

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC……"In Heaven's Eyes"……Alison Prange

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY……..……UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Genesis 32, Matthew 14)……..Unison

"Holy Spirit, as you blessed Jacob long ago, bless us now. As you blessed bread and fish on a Galilean shore, bless and transform these gifts into abundant blessing for those in need; bless and guide our ministries into avenues for your mercy and grace. In your blessed name, we pray. Amen"

SCRIPTURE READING……..Mark LaMont

Job 23:1-10

Then Job answered:

"Today also my complaint is bitter,
his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning.
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his seat!
I would lay my case before him
and fill my mouth with arguments.
I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; he would give heed to me.
There an upright man could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge.
"Behold, I go forward, but he is not there;
and backward, but I cannot perceive him;
on the left hand I seek him, but I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right hand, but I cannot see him.
But he knows the way that I take;
when he has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

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

HYMN……..“All Things Bright and Beautiful”……UMH #146

SERMON…….“The Lord’s Presence and Seeming Absence”…….Pastor Elden Eklund

HYMN…… “Be Present at Our Table, Lord”……..UMH #621

HOLY COMMUNION……See Insert

BENEDICTION

As we have received light,

we go now to bring light to the world.

As we receive God’s Blessings,

we go now to be blessings to others. Amen

CLOSING HYMN…….“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”……UMH #664

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, Ed Herbig
Prayer Requests for Sunday: Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Darla Dahnert, Lona Willaimson, Roger Walker, Doug Dahnert, Bob Stephan, Jamie Gilchrist, 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.

Please note that Stacy will be out of the office on Wednesday, August 5.

Stacy's hours for the week are posted on the last page of the bulletin, under "Week at a Glance". Hours may vary during the summer.

On Sunday, August 16, Jarod will give a second quarter financial update during fellowship. Please plan to attend so you can stay informed and have the opportunity to ask questions.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped clean up around the parsonage yard on Saturday, July 11. Your help on that very warm morning was much appreciated! The parsonage yard looks so much better thanks to your hard work.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE…

08/02/2026 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am – Fellowship
08/09/2026 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship

Deposits July 26: $3,960 to operating account; $0 to trustees

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:
Monday & Thursday: 9:30am – 1:00pm

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