**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
**AUGUST 16, 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 (Matthew 14)

Jesus walks to us over the water.

**"Call to us, Lord. We come to be with you."**

Jesus calls to us, "Come! Do not be afraid."

**"Save us, Lord, we're sinking!"**

Jesus saves us form our fears. God delivers us from the storm.

**Thanks be to God!**

HYMN……"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"……UMH #158

RESPONSIVE READING……Psalm 135:1-14, UMH, pg. 851-852

ANTHEM……"We Have Gathered Here"……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 (Romans 8, Matthew 13)……..Unison

**Almighty God, there are treasures all around us - family, friends, your abiding presence, and the love of Christ Jesus. Bless these gifts we return to you now. Bless them, that others might come to know the true treasures of your love and grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING……..Bob Hunter

**John 6:24-35**

So when the people saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Caperʹna-um, seeking Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you; for on him has God the Father set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my

Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.

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

HYMN……..…….."O How I Love Jesus"……UMH #170

SERMON……."What Do You Expect?"…….Pastor Elden Eklund

HYMN…… "My Jesus, I Love Thee"……..UMH #172

BENEDICTION (Matthew 14, Psalm 105)

God blesses us with strength for the journey.

**Our hearts sing God's praises.**

Christ lifts us up from the raging waters of life.

**Our spirits rejoice in our salvation.**

The Spirit guides us with dreams full of hope and promise.

**Our lives rest secure in the One who is faithful.**

Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN……."Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"……UMH #671

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 on Thursday, August 20, Stacy will be in the office 10:30am to 12:30pm. Stacy will be out of the office August 24 through 28.

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.

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

**Ruth Circle**

Ruth circle will meet on Tuesday, August. 18th. We plan on visiting Margaret Dahnert in Janesville. Please let Roberta know if you are planning on attending. We will meet at the church at 12:30 on Tuesday, August 18th.

**Elizabeth Circle**

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Wednesday, August 19 at 2:30pm in the Gathering Room. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE…

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| 08/16/2026 (Sun.) | 9:30am – Worship Service<br>10:30am – Fellowship (Financial Update) |
| 08/17/2026 (Mon.) | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| 08/18/2026 (Tues.) | 12:30pm – Ruth Circle (Meet at church)<br>7:00pm – Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room) |
| 08/19/2026 (Wed.) | 2:30pm – Elizabeth Circle (Gathering Room) |
| 08/23/2026 (Sun.) | Pancake Sunday<br>9:30am – Worship Service<br>10:30am – Fellowship |

**Deposits August 9: $765.00 to operating account; $20.00 to trustees**

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

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