FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 23, 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 16, Romans 12)

"Jesus promised that the gates of the underworld would not be able to stand against the Church.

Each of us is part of this Church, this body of Christ.

Each of you have unique gifts and your own unique calling.

We know that through God's mercies, we are forgiven.

Know that God will bless you with new imaginings, new thoughts, new hopes, and new courage, that you may stand against the gates of the underworld."

HYMN……."They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"……TFWS #2223

A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA ……Unison ……..UMH, pg. 883

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 (Exodus 1-2, Psalm 124, Matthew 16, Romans 12)…….Unison

"O God, maker of heaven and earth, you are our help in the midst of need and danger. Bless our gifts this day that they may find their way to those who feel hopeless and without resources. May our gifts be a sign of your hope and love, and may the people we help find their way to safety. Amen"

SCRIPTURE READING……Linda Griffin

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Therefore, putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

HYMN……"God Is So Good"……TFWS #2056

SERMON……"Walking in the Way of Love"……Pastor Elden Eklund

HYMN…… "Bind Us Together"……TFWS #2226, 2x

BENEDICTION (Acts 17, John 14)

Go in the name of God, the one who created all the nations of the earth.

We go in the name of Christ, the one who abides in love and abides in us.

Go in the name of the Spirit of truth, the one who advocates for you and guides you. Amen

CLOSING HYMN……"May You Run and Not Be Weary"……TFWS #2281

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 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.

Pastor Elden will be leading a bible study on Wednesdays at 10:30am in the Gathering Room. This study will begin on Wednesday, September 9. All are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, September 13 we will have a parsonage "open house" after the church service. Anyone who is interested may go over before coming down to fellowship. This is to give everyone an opportunity to walk through and take a look at the parsonage before it is put up for sale. **We do ask that you please remove your shoes when doing the walk through.**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE…

08/23/2026 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
08/30/2026 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship

Deposits August 16: $260.00 to operating account; $0 to trustees

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:
***** Out of office this week***

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