FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 13, 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 (Psalm 19, Mark 8)

"The heavens are singing, proclaiming God's creation.

Glory to God and praise to God's name!

God's law is perfect; God's teachings are sure.

Rejoice, O heart; be revived, O soul!

Christ's way is clear; the path is right.

May we follow God's path, and live in Christ's light!"

HYMN……"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"……UMH #526

RESPONSIVE READING……Psalm 19:1-10

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In them God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and runs its course with joy like a strong man .
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and there is nothing hid from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

ANTHEM……..……..“We’re Gonna Have Church”……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 (Psalm 19)……..Unison

"Let our gift be God's praise. As we are fed by God's mercy and grace, let us share from our abundance, that others may be nourished and fed by our love and our care. Amen"

SCRIPTURE READING……..Bob Hunter

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

HYMN……"Are Ye Able"……UMH #530

SERMON……"How to Beat a Stress Test"……Pastor Elden Eklund

HYMN…… "Precious Name"……UMH #536

BENEDICTION (Psalm 19, Mark 8)

"May the words of our mouths be acceptable and true.
May the meditations of our hearts be loving and pure.
May the actions of our lives be grace-filled and kind.
May we go where Christ leads and walk in God's truth. Amen"

CLOSING HYMN……."We'll Understand It Better By and By"……UMH #525, vs. 1 & 4

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, those impacted by the floods in Nepal, 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.

Today 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.**

Pastor Elden is leading a bible study on Wednesdays at 10:30am in the Gathering Room. All are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, October 4 we will participate in a community worship service with Blooming Grove, Janesville and Waterville Evangelical United Methodist Churches at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm, 41142 160th St., Waseca. You will need to bring your own chair. If you have an extra chair or two please bring them in case someone forgets or does not have one to bring. There is a flyer posted on our bulletin board with all of the details. The flyer can also be found in the September newsletter.

For those who may wish to car pool, you can gather at Faith UMC at 9:30am that morning.

There will not be worship service at church on Sunday, October 4.

In case you are unable to attend the community worship, we will have communion on Sunday, October 11 at church.

Fall Bazaar Alert - November 7

Signup sheets for supplies, money donations, and workers are in the entryway. Please sign up as soon as possible so planning can be completed. Crafts, baked goods and nearly new items are also needed. Let's make this Bazaar the Biggest and Best!

You may also call Mary at 507 213 4765 to sign up.

Peace UMC in Morristown is having their baked potato bar today from 11:00 – 1:30. Sharon Krenik is the co-chair of that event.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE…

09/13/2026 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service Parsonage Open House following service 10:30am – Fellowship
09/15/2026 (Tues.)	6:30 – 9:30pm – Order of the Eastern Star Meeting (FH)
09/16/2026 (Wed.)	10:30am – Bible Study (Gathering Room)
09/20/2026 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship

Deposits September 6: $2,638.05.00 to operating account; $150.00 to trustees

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

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