FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 20, 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 (Proverbs 31, Psalm 1, James 3)

Who is wise and understanding among us?
Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God's laws.
Come learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.
O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels! We draw near to you.

HYMN……"Nearer, My God, to Thee"……UMH #528, vs. 1-3

A MODERN AFFIRMATION

Pastor:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

Pastor and People:

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,

whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

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 (James 3)…….Unison

You are the generous one, full of mercy and goodness for your creation. Send your wisdom with these gifts, that they may reach those who need your love and welcome. Bring about a harvest of goodness through these gifts sown in peace. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING……Linda Griffin

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

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

HYMN……"Lead On, O King Eternal"……UMH #580

SERMON……"Having the Right Connection"……Pastor Elden Eklund

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

BENEDICTION (Psalm 1)

We are planted by the streams of God's wisdom
We meditate on the desires of God, taking delight in the laws of God.
Sink your roots deep into the soil, and draw on God's wisdom
For God will nourish us every day with insight.
Go forth, know that God watches over you. Amen

CLOSING HYMN……"Sent Forth by God's Blessings"……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, Sandy Voshell

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, Sandy Voshell, Barb Klampe, Vada Dahnert, Roberta Walker, 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.

Pastor Elden is leading an informal 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.

Choir Reminder

There is no Wednesday evening practice this Wednesday, September 23. We will sing "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" on Sunday, September 27. We will practice at 9:00am that morning. Wednesday evening practice will resume on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00pm.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE…

09/20/2026 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
09/21/2026 (Mon.)	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
09/22/2026 (Tues.)	7:00pm – Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
09/23/2026 (Wed.)	10:30am – Bible Study (Gathering Room)
09/27/2026 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship

Deposits September 13: $923.00 to operating account; $0 to trustees

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

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