FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11, 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 (Hebrews 4; Mark 10)

The kingdom of God is at hand.
We want to enter the kingdom.
The mercy of God is made known,
We want to receive this mercy.
The grace of God is abundant for all.
We praise you, O God, for your compassion and your love. Accept our grateful praise as we come to worship you today.

HYMN……"Come! Come! Everybody Worship"……TFWS #2271

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.

ANTHEM……..“Holy Manna”……Faith Choir

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY……..UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Mark 10)……..Unison

“With open hands and thankful hearts, we offer to you all that is already yours, O Lord. Everything we possess is a gift from you. You so freely give us what we need, and you promise even greater treasures that await us in heaven. Take what we offer and use it for the goodness of your kingdom. Help us share generously with others all that you so graciously give to us. Amen.”

SCRIPTURE READING……Janet Welch

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O The-oph′ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samar′ia and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

HYMN……..“My Life Flows On”……TFWS #2212

SERMON……"The Main Business of the Church"……..Pastor Elden Eklund

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

"In this meal, Christ fills the hungry. All are welcome – rich and poor, old and young, healthy and sick. You who long to taste heaven's goodness, come. Come to our Lord's table and be fed."

BENEDICTION (Mark 10)

With God all things are possible.
May we carry that confidence into our daily life and work.
May you walk in Christ's footsteps, guided by God's hand. 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, 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, the Jones family, 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.

As you know, the fourth Sunday of the month has been Pancake Sunday where we collect donations of pancake mix and syrup for the food shelf. This month we are changing it up to "Soup Sunday" to begin collecting canned soup for the winter. There is box in the narthex designated for these donations and it will be taken to the food shelf once full.

We are seeing a lot of use of our Blessing Box, the small food pantry at the edge of our parking lot. As a reminder, we appreciate donations for this ministry and would like to stock up before winter. Suggested items include cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, ramen noodles, pouched meats, instant potatoes, rice, pancake mix and syrup. When temperatures are below freezing we do not put out canned goods due to cans expanding and being damaged. There is a box in the narthex designated for these donations.

We will be having a special charge conference on Monday, October 19 at 7:00pm. Our District Superintendent, Michelle Hargrave, will lead this charge conference and we will be discussing the selling of the parsonage.

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!

Following worship today, Jarod will give a financial update and inform the congregation of the need for a Special Ask.

Please note that Stacy will be out of the office October 14 through 16.

Please note that Pastor Elden will be on vacation October 12 through 17. On Sunday, October 18 we will have Rev. Gordon Orde filling in. Rev. Kathy King will be on call if anyone needs pastoral care during this time. If you need to get a hold of her, you can get her number by calling Janesville UMC, Blooming Grove UMC, or Waterville Evangelical UMC.

The Mitten Tree will be going up the end of October/beginning of November. We will collect donations of hats and mittens through mid November. The hats and mittens will be distributed to pre-school and elementary aged children so keep that in mind for sizing. **Please no scarves.**

Please note there will be no Bible Study on October 14 or October 28.

We collected $570 in donations for New Richland flood relief. A check was mailed to the Waseca Area Foundation to be distributed to New Richland. Thank you for your donations!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE…

10/11/2026 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am – Fellowship
10/13/2026 (Tues.)	1:00pm – Ruth Circle (Gathering Room)
10/14/2026 (Wed.)	7:00pm – Choir Practice
10/18/2026 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service (Rev. Gordon Orde filling in) 10:30am – Fellowship

Deposits September 27: $3,050.05 to operating account; $545.00 to trustees (for New Richland)

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:
Monday: 9:30am – 12:30pm

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