

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 18, 2025~9:30 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 138:1-3

I will give you thanks with all my heart;

**I will sing your praise before the heavenly beings.**

I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your constant love and truth.

**You have exalted your name and your promise above everything else.**

On the day I called, you answered me; you increased strength within me.

**Amen**

HYMN....."All Creatures of Our God and King" .....UMH #62, vs. 1-3

UNISON PRAYER

**Good and Gracious God, We give you thanks and praise that you are a constant presence in our lives. Your love is never failing. Your grace ever abounding. May our hearts be open to all you have to give us and our hands hold loosely all you have given us. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

*Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.*

ANTHEM.....“The Gospel Light” .....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.....”Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” .....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

**Gracious God, we offer back to you a portion of the gifts you have first given us. Let us live with thankful hearts. Remembering all we have or will ever have has come first through Your hands. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

**I Thessalioans 5:16-18**

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

**Phillipians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!**

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

HYMN..... "Spirit of the Living God" .....UNH #393

MESSAGE.....“The Adventure of Prayer” .....Pastor Victor Waters

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.  
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.  
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.  
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.  
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN..... "Joy in the Morning" .....TFWS #2284

CLOSING PRAYER

*A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition*

**I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.  
And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven.  
Amen.**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

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:

**Colony Court:** Margaret Dahnert

**Lakeshore Inn:** Peggy Deno, Sandy Voshell

**Latham Place:** Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Barb Klampe, Sandy Voshell, Lori Schneidewind, Stuart Kuyper, Bob Larson, Darla Dahnert, 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.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist with tending the flower gardens on our grounds. There are a few different gardens that need care. They include: the garden around our church sign on the front lawn, the garden around the flag pole, the peace garden, the island under the overhang by our main entrance, and the plants around the foundation of the church building.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to sign up to care for one of the gardens on a monthly rotation. It is our hope that one or two people could sign up to care for one or more gardens for a month at a time. If you have questions about what needs to be done in the gardens, Clair Voshell will be happy to answer any questions and show you what needs to be done. Please consider signing up so we can keep our grounds looking beautiful.

Pastor Dong will be on vacation May 13 through 30 with his family in Korea. We will have Pastor Victor Waters with us on May 18 and 25 to fill in. Please pray for safe travels for Pastor Dong and his family.

Pastor Dong will also be on vacation June 17 through June 26 while Daniel is home from the Air Force Academy. Pastor Victor will fill in again on June 22. On June 22, instead of fellowship downstairs, we will meet at Pizza Ranch at 11:00 to have lunch with Pastor Victor and Patrice.

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On **Sunday, May 25** we will celebrate the graduation of Aiden Groskreutz during fellowship time. Please join us to share this joy with Aiden and his family.

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On **Saturday, May 31**, Bud and Peggy Deno will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. There will be a party in the fellowship hall from 1:00 to 3:00pm. All are invited to attend.

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On **Sunday, June 1**, we will have a hymn sing during the prelude time prior to the worship service. Be thinking about any hymns you would like to sing that day.

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Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, May 21 at 2:30pm**.

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Please join us at fellowship this morning and enjoy the piano recital music of Barb Klampe's piano students.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

05/18/2025 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service (With Pastor Victor Waters) 10:30am – Fellowship & Piano Recital
05/19/2025 (Mon.)	Newsletter Deadline
05/21/2025 (Wed.)	2:30pm – Elizabeth Circle 7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room) 7:00pm – Youth Group
05/25/2025 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service (With Pastor Victor Waters) 10:30am – Fellowship/Graduation Celebration for Aiden G.

\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall

### **Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am to 1:00pm

### **Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:**

***\*\*Out of Office this Week***

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