

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**June 29, 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

Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.

**We reject the works based only on our fleshly desires.**

We live a new life of spirit and truth.

**Let us worship the Lord in full spirit. Amen.**

HYMN....."O God, Our Help in Ages Past" .....UMH #117, vs. 1-4

UNISON PRAYER

**God of all life and love: we are your children, and you made us free to live in joyful relationship with you and one another. Your grace empowers us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Give us the courage to love ourselves as much as you love us and to love others with the same compassion. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

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

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 these gifts as signs of our commitment to live by the Spirit's leading. May our generosity reflect your love that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Janet Welch

**2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14**

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

Elisha then picked up Elijah’s cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. “Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

### **Luke 9:51-62**

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

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

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

HYMN....."O Jesus, I Have Promised" .....UMH #396

MESSAGE....."Priority of Life" .....Rev. Dong Hun Shin

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....."The Summons" .....TFWS #2130

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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:

**Benedictine Owatonna:** Les Wells

**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, Nancy Tollefson, DJ Choi, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note, the hymns are inserted in the bulletin.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist with tending some of the flower gardens on our grounds. The peace garden is covered but we still need help in other areas.

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.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office this Thursday, July 3 and July 16 through 23.

If you would like to make food donations to the Blessing Box, we could use the following items: canned tuna or chicken, instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix, peanut butter, canned fruit and spaghetti sauce (canned or plastic container). We appreciate donations!

At the June meeting, the Leadership Team made a decision that we would like to collect a free-will offering to help offset some of Pastor Dong's additional travel expenses to and from South Korea as a result of DJ's unexpected surgery. If you would like to donate to this offering, you may place a donation in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Please note that the donation is for "Pastor Travel Expenses".

Faith at the Fair is coming up fast! On **Sunday, July 13** at **10:00am** we will hold our service at the Free Stage at the Waseca County Fairgrounds. Please note the time. If there is inclement weather, the service will be held in Building 4. Come and enjoy a fun get-together with friends. Please spread the word to others to attend. Water and cookies will be provided.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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06/29/2025 (Sun.)      9:30am – Worship Service  
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07/06/2025 (Sun.)      9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion  
                                 10:30am – Fellowship

\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday & Wednesday 9:30am to 12:30pm

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm

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