

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 10, 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

The Mighty One has delivered our souls from death.

In God our hearts are glad!

The Mighty One has fashioned all our hearts.

In God our hearts are glad!

The Mighty One is our help and shield.

In God our hearts are glad!

Let us worship the one in whom we trust.

Let us worship the one in whom we hope!

HYMN....."Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"UMH #127

UNISON PRAYER

Steadfast God, we come with faith, with conviction of things not seen, yet we worry we may be getting it all wrong. We want to do good and seek justice, but we are afraid of failing. We want to trust that you will bring forth life from the desert places in our lives, but we are scared of being brokenhearted. You whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid." Center our hearts in you, that we may find our treasure and the courage to live into it. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

SPECIAL MUSIC.....“Love in Any Language”Alison Prange

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

Faithful and Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of hope, to trust in what we cannot see. As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our resources but also our faith - faith that you are at work in our giving, building a future of justice, mercy, and love. Bless these offerings, that they may be signs of our longing for your kingdom and our trust in your promises. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom;
listen to the instruction of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
“The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?” says the LORD.
“I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure

in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.
When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?
Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.
Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals
I hate with all my being.
They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;
even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.

Your hands are full of blood!

Wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong.
Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.

“Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the LORD.
“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,
you will eat the good things of the land;
but if you resist and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword.”
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Luke 12:32

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

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

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN..... “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”UMH #122

MESSAGE..... “Come Back to God”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..... “Take Time to Be Holy”UMH #395

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

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Sandy Voshell, Lori Schneidewind, Stuart Kuyper, Bob Larson, Darla Dahnert, Nancy Tollefson, DJ Choi, Karen Ferch, Lona Willaimson, Vada 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.

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, cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter, canned fruit and spaghetti sauce (canned or plastic container). Cash donations are also accepted. We appreciate donations!

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 12th. The meeting will be held at Roberta's home. The program will be 'Jar of Happiness'. You may gather at church and carpool to her home. Please inform Roberta if you plan on attending.

Please note that Pastor Dong will be out of the office August 18 through 22. He will be attending his Doctorate of Ministry summer course at Emory Candler School of Theology in Atlanta during that time.

Pastor Dong will also be out of the office August 28 through September 1 attending the Parents' Weekend Open House at the Air Force Academy. Jon Shultz will be filling in on Sunday, August 31.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office August 12 through August 15.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

08/10/2025 (Sun.) 9:30am – Worship Service
 10:30am – Fellowship

08/12/2025 (Tues.) 1:00pm – Ruth Circle (Roberta Walker's Home)

08/17/2025 (Sun.) 9:30am – Worship Service
 10:30am – Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday 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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