

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023~9:30 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

With all our heart,

**We take refuge in God most High.**

With all our heart,

**We take refuge in Christ.**

With all our heart,

**We take refuge in the Holy Spirit.**

HYMN....."Praise to the Lord, the Almighty".....UMH #139

UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious God, make me sensitive to all the evidences of your goodness; and may I, trusting in you, free myself of the terror of death, and feel free to live intensely and happily the life you have given to me. Amen.**

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.....Unison

**Loving God, faithful and gracious forever, you love us more than we love ourselves. You believe in us more than we believe in ourselves. You call us to walk with Christ, and be more than we ever thought possible. Take our gifts. Receive our thanks. Accept our praise, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Linda Griffin

**Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28**

Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him. Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

### **Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

When he summoned a famine on the land  
and broke all supply of bread,  
he had sent a man ahead of them,  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.  
His feet were hurt with fetters;  
his neck was put in a collar of iron;  
until what he had said came to pass,  
the word of the LORD tested him.  
The king sent and released him;  
the ruler of the peoples set him free;

he made him lord of his house  
and ruler of all his possessions,  
to bind his princes at his pleasure  
and to teach his elders wisdom.

This is the Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

HYMN....."Just as I Am, Without One Plea" .....UMH #357

SCRIPTURE READINGS.....Pastor Jon Schultz

**Romans 10:5-15**

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

**Matthew 14:22-33**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when

he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

MESSAGE....."Yea right...Prove it!" .....Pastor Jon Schultz

HYMN....."Give Thanks" .....TFWS #2036

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:

**Colony Court:** Shirley Burdick

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Leona Quast, Marian Broughten

**Latham Place:** Joe Tollefson

**Foxdale:** Lucille Kubista

**Benedictine Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Sue Baldini, Kara Ecoff, Tim Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming UWF Dates:

United Women in Faith Executive Board meeting will be held on **Monday, August 28** at **10:00 am** in the Lakeview Room.

United Women in Faith Unit meeting will be held on **September 7** at **12:00 pm**. It will be a potluck picnic.

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Photo Directories have arrived! The photo directories can be picked up in the office. **The photo directories are currently reserved for those who had their photos taken by the photographer. When you pick up your directory, please check your name off on the list so we can keep track of who received their directory.** After those who had their photos taken have picked up their directories, we will have a small number of extras that will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

There is also a small number of non-photo directories that have been printed. They are available on the table in the church office. Feel free to take one. More of these can be printed as needed. Let Stacy know if you would like one.

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<b>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...</b>	
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08/13/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship
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08/14/2023 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
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\*Lakeview Room   \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

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

**Pastor's Office Hours this Week:**

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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