

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**August 27<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

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

**On Christ the solid rock I stand!**

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

**On Christ the solid rock I stand!**

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

**On Christ the solid rock I stand!**

HYMN..... "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" .....TFWS #2120

UNISON PRAYER

**Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not count the cost; to fight and not to head the wounds; to toil and not seek for rest; to labor and not ask for any reward, except that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola UMH #570*

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

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Bob Hunter

**Exodus1:8 - 2:10**

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. And because the

midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

## **Psalm 124**

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—  
let Israel now say—  
if it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
when people rose up against us,  
then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;  
then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.

Blessed be the LORD,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth!  
We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped!

Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

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

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN....."Great Is Thy Faithfulness" .....UMH #140

SCRIPTURE READINGS.....Pastor Jon Schultz

**Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock<sup>[a]</sup> I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

MESSAGE....."A Question We Will All Be Asked" .....Pastor Jon Schultz

HYMN....."Take My Life, and Let It Be" .....UMH #399

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, Gloria Rollag

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

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

**Latham Place:** Joe Tollefson

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Sue Baldini, Kara Ecoff, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, family of Lucille Kubista, family of Chuck Youngberg, 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. Root beer floats will be provided for dessert. Pat Miller from "Shepherd's Robe" will be our speaker.

A handful of people still need to pick up their photo directories. They 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.

Additional non-photo directories 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.

Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 10. We will begin by holding Sunday school on the second and fourth Sundays of the month as we did last year. Linda Griffin and Stacy True will be rotating as teachers. We would like to get to a point where we could hold Sunday school every Sunday. In order to do this, we need more volunteers who would be willing to fill in as substitute teachers. If you are interested in serving as a substitute, please let Pastor Jon or Stacy know.

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The choir season will begin with practice on Wednesday, September 6 and will sing September 10. Anyone is welcome to join us for fun fellowship and service to the Lord.

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Chuck Youngberg passed away on August 18. His funeral will be held on Tuesday, August 29 at 11:00 am. Visitation will be held at 10:00 am.

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Please note that on Monday, August 28, Stacy will be in the office 9:00 to 11:00 am.

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<b>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...</b>
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08/27/2023 (Sun.)	PANCAKE SUNDAY 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship
08/28/2023 (Mon.)	10:00 am - UWF Executive Board Meeting (*LV Room) 3:00-4:30pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
08/29/2023 (Tues.)	10:00 am - Visitation for Chuck Youngberg 11:00 am - Funeral for Chuck Youngberg
08/30/2023 (Wed.)	7:00 pm - Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
08/31/2023 (Thurs.)	1:00 pm - Newsletter Folding (Church Office)
09/03/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am- Fellowship

\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday: 9:00 to 11:00 am, 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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