

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 5th, 2021~9:30 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/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here at the feast of God's holy word and holy meal, eyes and ears are opened so that we may all be made glad and filled with hope.

HYMN....."O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"Jarod True

UNISON PRAYER

God of love, you show your people how to be truly rich in faith, through the gifts you give when least hoped for or expected. Come to your people today with words of both judgment and mercy, that we may be fed from the bread of life. We pray this in your holy triune name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

GLORIA PARTIJarod True

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS – BACKPACK BLESSING

PREPARING FOR TIME OF PRAYER

Hymn....."Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying".....Jarod True

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Andrea Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23.....Les Wells

A good reputation is better than much wealth;
high esteem is better than silver and gold.
The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord made them both.
Those who sow injustice will harvest evil;
the rod of their fury will come to an end.
Happy are generous people,
because they give some of their food to the poor.
Don't steal from the poor, because they are poor.
Don't oppress the needy in the gate.
The Lord will take up their case
and press the life out of those who oppress them.

James 2:1-17.....Les Wells

My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an excellent place. Sit here." But to the poor

person you say, "Stand over there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet." Wouldn't you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn't God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren't they the ones who drag you into court? Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism?

You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, *Love your neighbor as yourself*. But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it. The one who said, *Don't commit adultery*, also said, *Don't commit murder*. So if you don't commit adultery but do commit murder, you are a lawbreaker. In every way, then, speak and act as people who will be judged by the law of freedom. There will be no mercy in judgment for anyone who hasn't shown mercy. Mercy overrules judgment.

My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

**THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD
THANKS BE TO GOD**

Mark 7:24-37Pastor Carolyn

Jesus left that place and went into the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know that he had entered a house, but he couldn't hide. In fact, a woman whose young daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard about him right away. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was Greek, Syrophenician by birth. She begged Jesus to throw the demon out of her daughter. He responded, "The children have to be fed first. It isn't right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

But she answered, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

“Good answer!” he said. “Go on home. The demon has already left your daughter.” When she returned to her house, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

After leaving the region of Tyre, Jesus went through Sidon toward the Galilee Sea through the region of the Ten Cities. Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged him to place his hand on the man for healing. Jesus took him away from the crowd by himself and put his fingers in the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. Looking into heaven, Jesus sighed deeply and said, “*Ephphatha*,” which means, “Open up.” At once, his ears opened, his twisted tongue was released, and he began to speak clearly.

Jesus gave the people strict orders not to tell anyone. But the more he tried to silence them, the more eagerly they shared the news. People were overcome with wonder, saying, “He does everything well! He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who can’t speak.”

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN....."Jesu, Jesu".....Jarod True

BENEDICTION

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: Joe Tollefson, Janice Kaupa

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Foxdale Memory Care: Elaine Westrum

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Latham Place: Lucille Kubista

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Marlys & Ken Garness, Stacy True and her family, government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are at risk and most vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement or prayer request you would like to have shared at Sunday service, please email the church office at faithwaseca@gmail.com by Thursday. If you would like your announcement printed in the bulletin, please e-mail the announcement by Wednesday. If you do not have access to email, you may call the church office at 835-3167. **We also want to hear any joys you have so please email or call the church with any that you would like to share!**

Please note Conversation, Bible and Friends will not meet on Monday, September 6.

Thank you! I would like to express sincere thanks for your prayers, cards, well wishes and participation in the garage sale. Your love and kindness has been felt during the last several months. --- *Stacy True*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

09/05/2021 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

09/09/2021 (Thur.) 10:30 am - Bible Study

09/12/2021 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

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Wednesday: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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