

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL to WORSHIP

As we enter into worship, put away the pressures of the world that ask us to perform, to take up masks, to put on brave fronts.

**We will silence the voices that ask us to be perfect.**

This is a community of compassion and welcoming.

**We do not have to do anything to earn the love contained within these walls. We do not have to be braver, smarter, stronger, better than we are at this moment to belong here in this community. We come exactly as we are to this hour of worship, and know that here we will find love and acceptance and grace.**

Let us worship together!

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN UMH #60

*"I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"*

#### \*A UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The church of Jesus Christ is where daisies bloom out of barren land; where children lead and wise ones follow.**

**The church of Jesus Christ is where lepers come to be touched; the blind see, and the deaf hear, the lame run and the dying live.**

**The church of Jesus Christ is where young ones see visions and the old ones dream dreams; where anthem is the laughter of the congregation and the offering plates are full of the service of people.**

**The church of Jesus Christ is where judges don't judge and each child of God is beautiful and precious; where the lamb lies down with the lion.**

**The church of Jesus Christ is where seeds are scattered and miracles are grown; where we live responsively to God's presence.**

### SHARING of JOYS, CONCERNS

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

\*HYMN *"Lord of All Hopefulness"* TFWS #2197

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:14-20

UNISON PRAYER FOR BREAD AND JUSTICE  
**Oh God, just as the disciples heard Christ's words of promise and began to eat the bread**

**and drink the wine in the suffering of a long remembrance and in the joy of a hope, grant that we may hear your words, spoken in each thing of everyday affairs:**

**-coffee on our table in the morning;**

**-the simple gesture of opening a door and to go out... free.**

**-the shouts of children in the parks;**

**-a familiar song, sung by an unfamiliar face;**

**-a friendly tree that has not yet been cut down.**

**May simple things speak to us of your mercy, and tell us that life can be good.**

**And may these sacramental gifts make us remember those who do not receive them:**

**-who have their lives cut every day, in the bread absent from the table;**

**-in the door of the hospital, the prison, the welfare home that does not open;**

**-in sad children, feet without shoes, eyes without hope;**

**-in war hymns that glorify death;**

**In deserts where once there was life.**

### COMMUNION

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine, giving you thanks for Jesus, our Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.**

## THE RECEIVING OF OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY “Give Thanks” TFWS #2036  
**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks  
to the Holy One, give thanks, because God’s  
given Jesus Christ, the Son.**  
**And now, let the weak say, “I am strong”; Let  
the poor say, “I am rich because of what the  
Lord has done for us.” Give thanks!**

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**You have given us light and life, hope and joy,  
O Lord. Bless the gifts we bring and the  
ministries they enable us to carry out. Help us  
to truly become bearers of the light of Christ in  
our world. Amen**

\*HYMN UMH #111  
*“How Can We Name a Love”*

### \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

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**BARB MOSHER** will be celebrating 65 years of  
teaching music with an open house on Saturday,  
September 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm at Faith UMC. Music  
at 3 pm.

**RALLY DAY CARNIVAL!** – Ages PK-6<sup>th</sup>  
grade are invited to join us for carnival games

and treats to kick off the 2016-2017 Sunday  
School year at 10:00 a.m. on September 11<sup>th</sup>!  
On-site registration will be available. Questions,  
email [faithchurchsundayschool.@gmail.com](mailto:faithchurchsundayschool.@gmail.com).

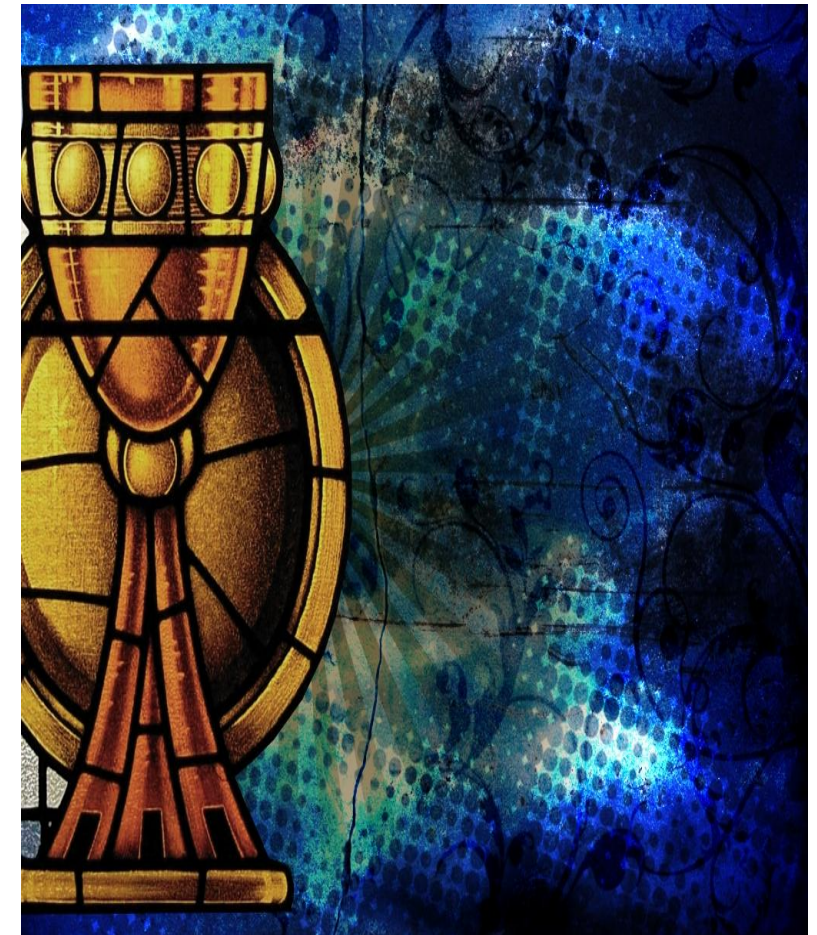
**ALL-PARISH PICNIC** – On September 11th,  
Harry & Elaine Boland will once again host an  
all-parish picnic at their acreage northeast of  
Cherry Grove. You’re welcome to come as early  
as 3:00 PM to enjoy the woods, trails and  
streams (their property runs alongside of  
Forestville State Park and a branch of the Root  
River runs through it as well), and we’ll be  
eating around 5 PM. Fish and BBQ will be  
provided. Bring your own table service and a  
dish to share! Please call 507-951-4133 for a  
ride from Cherry Grove or directions. An  
announcement will be made in church with a  
rain date of September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **FAITH UMC AUCTION & MEAL**

Live and Silent Auctions taking place on  
Sunday, September 18. Lunch will be sold at the  
auction - \$7.00/adult and \$4.00/child. The meal  
consists of BBQ sandwich, potato salad or  
potato chips, bars, and a beverage. In order to  
maximize profit we are asking for donations  
toward the meal. Sign-up sheets will be on the  
bulletin board starting August 18. Monetary  
donations are also welcomed! Thank you for  
making this a successful fundraiser for our  
church expenses! The Auction Committee: Jan  
Hammon, Chair, Kathy Casady, Norma Merkel,  
Tom & Lynette Ramaker, Darlene Vrieze.

## **FAITH UNITED METHODIST** **CHURCH**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 4, 2016**



**The People Of  
Fountain, Cherry Grove and Spring Valley  
In Ministry Together With  
Rev. David Lieder & Rev. Deanna Woodward**