

“Take This Bread”

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

+ Call to Worship

God has called us to this place. What do you see?

We see people who desire God's joyous embrace of all people.

God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person as our sister or brother.

God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?

We will welcome everyone in God's name!

We will welcome everyone to God's table!

+ Hymn *Gather Us In* TFWS 2236

+ Unison Prayer

O God, give us this day our daily bread. Grant that we who are filled with good things from your open hand, may never close our hearts to the hungry, the homeless, the foreigner, and the poor. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

+ Passing the Peace

Children's Message

Call to Prayer *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* TFWS 2193

Joys, Concerns & God Moments

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory

+ Offertory Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

O God of abundance, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, and who seek new hope. Bless our giving, and our living. Amen.

+ Hymn *In the Singing* TFWS 2255

Scripture Reading John 6:1-13

Sermon *Take this Bread* Dr. Dempewolf

The Great Thanksgiving

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth, Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea, and sky, you are there.

But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not welcomed but excluded you in the immigrant, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.

Words of Assurance

A Responsive Liturgy for Communion

Come one and all to this feast; an offering of bread and drink and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited in this holy mystery. Come.

We are ready!

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty."

We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered with his followers, he offered the bread in thanksgiving and said:

"Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said:

"Take, drink. This is my blood, the blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary gifts, in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread:

We participate in the Body of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing:

We participate in the new life Christ gives.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready!

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH 618

Prayer after Communion

For the wholeness you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the community that you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

+ Hymn

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

TFWS 2184

Commission

May we be as living loaves, kneaded and shaped by the hands of God.

May we be as wine of the Spirit, poured out that others might know joy.

May love be the leaven within us.

May love be the flavor of thought and word and deed.

May we go in peace to share abundant life in all we do.

Amen.

Cowboy Church will be held at the Cherry Grove UMC at 6:00 p.m. tonight.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Faith UMC from 5-9 p.m. for grades 1-6. The dates are August 7-9 and supper is provided. If your children would like to invite friends and family feel free to share with others. You will find a link to the registration form on our website at www.faithsv.net/youth-children. Please complete and email as indicated on the form. Let's get the kids signed up for this fun event!

Back to School Kickoff distribution will be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spring Valley and held August 8th from 6-7 p.m. We will set up on Monday, August 6 from 5-6 p.m. We will need helpers for both evening. Contact Gina Jahn 507-251-1610 to sign up! We will also be seeking supplies or funds to purchase supplies. We are in need of backpacks this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Faith United Methodist Church

August 5, 2018

Fillmore Central Schools are requesting donations for the Milk Fund, for families who cannot cover the cost of milk break for their children. School supplies are also being collected. Donations may be dropped off at the District office, or monetary donations mailed to P.O. Box 50, Preston, MN 55965 by August 15th.

Ag Days Ministerial Pie Social is August 19 and we are in charge of furnishing 7 fruit pies that need to be at the Snyder Pavilion by 1:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Contact Darlene Vrieze for more information.

SEMCAC Volunteer Recognition will be Tuesday, August 21st at 10:30 at the Spring Valley Community Center. Reservations are required by August 17th by calling 346-7795 or 346-2111. Menu of ham, sweet potatoes, green beans and entertainments, guest speaker, door prizes and more.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held at the Spring Valley Community Center on August 23rd from 1-7 p.m. A \$5 Amazon Gift Card will be given as a thank you for your generosity. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Please contact Darlene Vrieze for more information.

An all parish picnic will be held on Saturday, September 8th (rain date is September 16th) at Harry & Elaine Boland's acreage northeast of Cherry Grove. You are welcome to come as early as 3:00 p.m. to enjoy the woods, trails, and streams as their property runs alongside of Forestville State Park. A branch of the Root River runs through it as well. Fish and BBQ will be provided and the meal will start at 5:00 p.m. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Call 507-951-4133 for more information, a ride or directions.

A food pack for Real Hope for the Hungry will be held on Wednesday, September 19th in two shifts; 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Dexter UMC. Volunteers are needed ages 7 and up. 25 cents will provide one meal for a starving person to be sent to Sudan, Africa. For more information call Pastor Jon Marburger at 507-227-6711 or Faith UMC office at 346-2830.

Confirmation Orientation will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Church on September 12th for grades 8 and 9.

Bishop Ough will host a series of 15 gatherings across the area to continue the Conversations on A Way Forward as the denomination prepares for the special session of General Conference on February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis. All interested persons are invited to participate. However, Bishop Ough encourages lay and clergy members of Annual Conference, local church lay leaders and key local church leaders, in particular, to attend. Members of the Dakotas and/or Minnesota Conference delegations to the special session of General Conference will assist Bishop Ough in hosting the gatherings. This will provide an opportunity for the delegates to listen to and dialogue with participants. A meeting is scheduled at Christ UMC in Rochester on Wednesday, September 26th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. In preparation for the gatherings, Bishop Ough encourages persons and congregations to *read Anatomy of Peace* by the Arbinger Institute and *God Unbound* by Elain A. Health.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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| Tuesday, August 7 | 5-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School at Faith UMC 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting |
| Wednesday, August 8 | 9:30 a.m. UMW Meeting at Ostrander Care Center 5-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School at Faith UMC |
| Thursday, August 9 | 5-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School at Faith UMC 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting |
| Saturday, August 11 | 10-4 p.m. Church reserved for reunion |
| Sunday, August 12 | 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship |

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| Faith Family Financials for July 29, 2018 | |
| Attendance | 51 |
| Offering | \$974.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$3,741.55 |

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Please check the kitchen for dishes and pans as we will be taking them to Salvation Army if not picked up soon. Thank you.