

## “Vine & Branches: Digging Deeper”

### Welcome & Announcements

*(Please pass the attendance registration pads. We ask all members, as well as our guests, to fill out the information.)*

### Prelude

#### + Call to Worship

Vine of life,  
in Your branches we are nestled  
taking shelter and sustenance in the shade of  
Your strength.

#### With thanksgiving

**we celebrate the growth and hope  
we have found in placing our roots in You,  
for in life You nourish us  
and Your Holy Spirit encourages us  
to reach our full potential in the gifts we  
have been given that others may know of  
Your love.**

+ Hymn UMH 89,vs. 1-3  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#### + Congregational Prayer

O extravagant God, in this ripening, red-tinged  
autumn, waken in us a sense of joy in just  
being alive,  
**joy for nothing in general except everything  
in particular;**

joy in sun and rain mating with earth to birth a  
harvest;  
**joy in soft light through shyly disrobing trees;**  
joy in the acolyte moon setting halos around  
processing clouds;  
**joy in the beating of a thousand wings  
mysteriously knowing which way it is warm;**  
joy in wagging tails and kids’ smiles and in this  
spunky old town;  
**joy in the smell of dawn, a touch, a song, a  
presence;**  
joy in having what I cannot live without—other  
people to hold and cry and laugh with;  
**joy in love, in you;  
and that at first and last is grace. Amen.**

#### + Passing the Peace

#### Children’s Message

Special Music Carla Ness

#### Joys, Concerns & God Moments

Call to Prayer Singing Bowl

#### Silent Prayer/Meditation

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Lord’s Prayer

Hymn *The Summons* TFWS 2130

Scripture Reading John 15:1-11

Sermon Rev. Dempewolf  
*Digging Deeper*

#### Offertory

Special Music Carla Ness

+ Offertory Response TFWS 2036  
*Give Thanks*

#### + Offertory Prayer

**Gracious God, you are the vine grower  
and we belong to you. Thank you for  
carefully tending us, especially in  
difficult times. You provide what we  
need in order to grow as followers of  
Jesus. Help us to abide in Christ, the  
true vine. May these offerings and our  
lives bear fruit for you. Amen.**

+ Hymn UMH 393 2x  
*Spirit of the Living God*

#### + Blessing

#### + Postlude

## FAITH FAMILY FINANCIALS 9/23/18

Needed for budget \$3,741.55  
Offering \$2,764.00  
Attendance 81

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

10/1 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
10/2 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting  
10/3 6:00 pm Parish Council at Faith  
7:00 pm Confirmation  
10/4 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting  
10/7 7:45 am Vocal Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School/Coffee  
10:30 am Adult Bible Study  
6:00 pm Cowboy Church at Cherry Grove

**BIBLE STUDY** – Vine & Branches: Digging Deeper will be the focus of the adult Sunday School class at Faith at 10:30 a.m. Sundays through October and November.

**HURRICANE RESPONSE** – If you would like to support hurricane victims, please make you check out to Fountain UMC and put Hurricane in the memo area. Thank you.

**HELP AROUND THE HOUSE** – Kiwanis volunteers are available to help with projects that you are unable to do (lawn cleanup, minor painting, window washing, etc.). Call 346-9836 or 346-1751.

**APPLE PIE SALE** - Faith UMC is holding an apple pie sale in November to assist in the furnace purchase; at which time you can pre-order a frozen pie for the holidays. We would like the following donations to make the event more viable: apples, flour, sugar, brown sugar, butter, lard, and aluminum pie tins. Contact Kathy Casady

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** – October 7<sup>th</sup> is one of six church-wide Special Sundays with offerings of The UMC. This special offering supports the Ethnic Scholarship Program and training. Give generously.

## CREATION CARE – October 13

A Rally for Creation Care: Witness for a Sustaining, Wondrous Planet Earth will be held on October 13 from 9 – 2 p.m. at Christ UMC at 400 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Rochester, MN. Join us as we learn, share, and activate our ecumenical Christian faith for effective witness for sustainable life on Earth. Workshops include youth ministry ideas and projects, worship resources, advocate for policy and law changes, and become a commissioned Earth Keeper. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch and student are free. Register online at <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/eventdetail/11409540>.

**SOUP & BAKED POTATO LUNCH @FAITH UMC** Sunday, October 14 from 11:00 am to 1 pm. serving Wild Rice & Ham Soup, Pork & Veggie Soup, Oyster Soup, Baked Potato and toppings. Dine in or carry out. Fundraiser for church expenses. The public is invited. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for youth and under 5 free.

**RETIREMENT RECEPTION** – Please join us for a special coffee hour on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. as we wish our office manager, Louise Winfield, a blessed retirement and celebrate her years of service to our parish.

**LAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING** – October 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30-11:30 am at Stewartville UMC. Register online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/XKS2V62](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XKS2V62).

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