

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MAPLE LEAF PARISH  
NOVEMBER 6, 2011  
9:00 A.M.**

This morning we will be celebrating the Sacrament of our Lord's Supper at the conclusion of our worship service. For United Methodists, this has historically been an important "means of grace," an avenue for us to encounter and be moved by God. All are welcome to join us at the table, regardless of denominational affiliation. Children, who held a special place in Jesus' ministry, are also invited and encouraged to share in Christ's sacrificial gift that was undertaken for us all.

*The asterisk (\*) indicates those times in the worship when those who are able are invited to stand, if you choose to do so.*

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**PRELUDE**

\*CENTERING MUSIC "Glorify Thy Name" TFWS 2016

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

L: The Lord has called us together.

**P: We are called to serve and bear witness to God's great love.**

L: As our ancestors and those who planted and grew this congregation worked for the glory of God,

**P: So too are we challenged to be a people of hope.**

L: Let us rejoice at the opportunities placed before us.

**P: Let us open our hearts and spirits to the mighty love and power of God. Amen.**

\*HYMN of PRAISE "Let All Things Now Living" TFWS 2008

**\*UNISON PRAYER of CONFESSION**

**Patient Lord, it is sometimes so easy for us to overlook the many ways in which those who went before us have witnessed to your love. Forgive us, when we get so caught up in our own problems that we do not take time to remember the mighty deeds and loving acts of your beloved people. Help us be truly thankful for all that they have done to make this church a special place where we are nurtured and challenged to serve in your world. Prepare us for bold, creative service in the present for the future. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE of PARDON

THE SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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.**

THE RECEIVING of our TITHES and OFFERING

Offertory Music

Presentation of our Offering

*\*Doxology (No. 95 UMH)*

*\*Prayer (Unison)*

**Blessing upon blessing has been given to us, O Lord, from your great bounty. Now we return these gifts to you. Bless these gifts and the lives that they represent and cause them to work for you in this world which you have loaned to us. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:1-13

THE MESSAGE "Packing an Extra Bag of Faith!"

PRAYER of THANKS

**Creator and Redeemer of all souls, we have joy at this time in all who have faithfully lived, and in all who have peacefully died. We thank you for all happy memories and all living hopes; for the sacred ties that bind us to the unseen world; for the dear and holy dead who surround us like a cloud of witnesses and make the hidden heaven a home to our hearts. By your saving love, may we be follows of those who already inherit your promise. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!**

THE NAMING of the HONORED DEAD

\*HYMN

*"Living for Jesus"*

TFWS 2149

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Leader: It is right... Almighty God, now and for ever.  
**People: Amen.**

SHARING the BREAD and the CUP

\*CLOSING HYMN "A Charge to Keep I Have" UMH 413

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

The next **COWBOY CHURCH SERVICE** will be this Sunday (November 6th) in Cherry Grove beginning at 6 p.m. Pastor Charles Schaal of MN Cowboy Ministries (and formerly a member of the gospel quartet *Sounds of Praise*) and several of our regular musicians will be with us.

#### **COOPERATIVE PARISH MISSION PROJECT!**

With the slowing of the economy we're constantly being reminded of the struggle that many families have providing for their children. With that in mind the Cooperative Parish Council would like to host a winter clothing giveaway for the community in mid November (probably on the 19<sup>th</sup>) as a local mission project. We're specifically looking for donations of new or "gently used" children's coats, mittens, hats, snowsuits and boots. Clean items can be dropped off at any one of our three churches and we'll see that they reach their destination. NEW children's underwear and socks would also be welcome. While our focus is on items for children you can also bring winter coats for adults (again they must be new or gently used. Please bring your items by November 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

#### **BENEFIT**

There will be a "Thanksgiving" Celebration and Benefit for Lora Vrieze Spencer, daughter of Allan and Jean Vrieze, on Saturday, November 12 at Evangel United Methodist Church at 2645 North Broadway in Rochester. (Allan Vrieze was a former pastor at the Chatfield United Methodist Church) 6:00 pm Desserts, activities, and silent auction.  
7:00 pm Concert by several talented Rochester Community Theatre friends.

*For many are called,*



*but few  
are chosen.*

*Matthew 22:14*

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*All Saints' Day is a universal festival of the Church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints.*

*The custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the mystical body of Christ.*

*Below are the names of the members (and friends) of Faith United Methodist Church who have died since All Saints' Day last year. We remember them in our prayers today, and we give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.*

Arlen Berg

Hope Briggs

Myrtle Carson

Harriet Heckerson

Viola Hofner

Joseph Kunert

Henry Leutink

Art Maloney

Victor Montgomery

Danny Schwartz

Nora Vrieze