

**Faith United Methodist Church  
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 16, 2018**

*\* please stand in body or spirit*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*GATHERING HYMNS

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Sanctuary*

\*GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

L: God is Good.

**P: All the Time.**

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(unison)*

**Holy One of Peace, truly you show no partiality,  
for you treat all people with equity.**

**You chose the poor to be rich in faith.**

**You chose the downtrodden to be heirs of your kingdom.**

**May our time of worship fill us with the desire  
to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

\*GREET EACH OTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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, now and forever. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN # *Here I Am Lord*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:31-37

MESSAGE

Dr. Jean Grade

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

\*DOXOLOGY #95 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER *(unison)*

**Loving Lord, You call us to love our neighbor  
as we love ourselves.**

**May today's offering sow hope and help in your world,  
that our faith might be found alive and well,  
and that the needy may touch your love  
through our giving. Amen.**

\*HYMN # *It Is Well With My Soul*

\*BLESSING

L: Jesus loves us as we are.

**P: Thank you Jesus for freeing us.**

L: Jesus says, "We are free." Free from sin. Free from bondage.

**P: Open my ears of understanding to learn and to know  
Jesus, in a personal way**

\*BENEDICTION

TCH – The Celebration Hymnal (blue)  
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (red)

**WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!**

**This Week**

**Coming Up**

**September 29** Retreat World's Fair

**September 30** Youth Celebration Sunday

**October 6** Meatball dinner, craft fair, and bake sale

**PRAYERS**

*Area communities affected by flooding and our response to help.  
Brittany, Pete and Joe, Sierra, Brady, Farmers, unnamed concerns,  
Music ministry of this church, our community, our military and their  
families, our church in ministry.*

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Pastor's Sabbath is Friday.

*Faith United Methodist Church is part of the Driftless Regional Ministries  
which also includes Westby UMC, New Hope UMC, and Retreat UMC.*

**Sunday Schedule:**

8 a.m. New Hope and Retreat Worship E2290 State Hwy 82, De Soto, September

9:30 a.m. Faith UMC Worship S3297 Salem Ridge Rd, La Farge

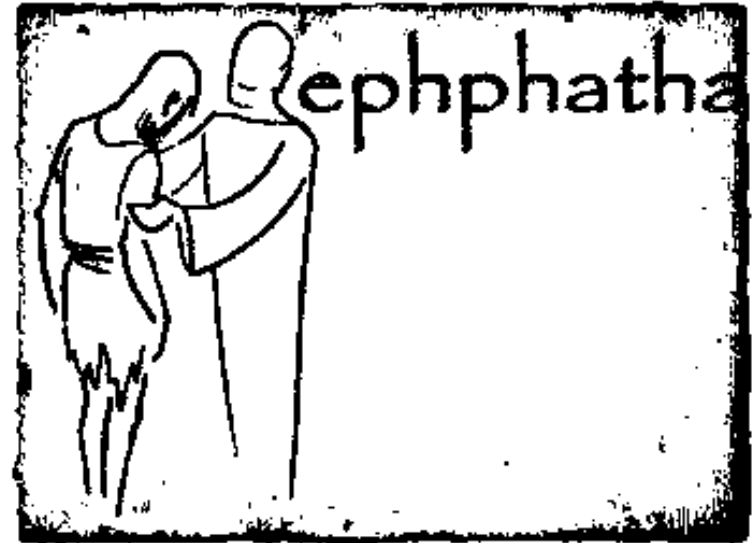
10:45 a.m. Westby UMC Worship, 202 East State St., Westby

**If you have an announcement for the bulletin,  
please send to Pastor Pam. [pastor@driftlessministry.org](mailto:pastor@driftlessministry.org)**

**THANK YOU TO DR. JEAN FOR HER  
LEADERSHIP TODAY.**



**FAITH**  
**United Methodist Church**  
*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 9, 2018*



<sup>34</sup> *He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!").*  
~Mark 7:34

**9:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School**

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S3297 Salem Ridge Road, La Farge 54639**

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the Transformation of the World*