Fourth Avenue
United Methodist Church



“Act in Love”

Sunday, October 25, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prelude Doug Madow

Welcome

Announcements

***The Gathering**
We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.
We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

***Invocation**
Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,
so that, as you move toward us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Music *For All You've Done* Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:34-40

*** Please stand if able**

Children's Message

***Hymn**	*And Can It Be that I Should Gain*	UMH #363
Scripture Reading	Galatians 5:1-15	
Message	"Act in Love"	Pastor Shawn
***Hymn**	*Faith of Our Fathers*	UMH #710

Celebration of Generosity
Offertory
***Doxology** UMH #95
***Offering Prayer**

Prayers of the People

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, forever. Amen.

***Hymn**	*His Eye is on the Sparrow*	TFWS #2146

***Benediction**

Postlude Doug Madow

Please join us for fellowship in the annex after worship!

FALL SOUP SALE – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our Fall Soup Sale is coming up on the first three Fridays in November **(Nov 6, 13, & 20)**. Orders are already starting to come in! Be sure to check the table in the back of the sanctuary for a list of volunteer opportunities as well as requested donation items. Pick up a poster (or two) to share.

SAFE GATHERINGS REMINDER

Quick check-in for anyone who received an invite to complete the Safe Gatherings training: if you haven't had a chance yet, please work through the training soon. Getting this finished helps us keep everything current and running smoothly. If you need help, contact Rob Quigg or Sarah Clark (during office hours). We truly appreciate your completion of the training!

FOURTHAVEUMC.ORG

We are so excited to let you know that our website (fourthaveumc.org) has been refreshed and is up to date with our current information, including the latest bulletins, newsletters, and upcoming events! After sitting idle for a little while, we are thrilled to bring it back to life as a vibrant space for our community. We will be doing our absolute best to keep everything current and filled with all the helpful details you need. Check it out and let us know what you think!

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Password: FamilyOfFaith
Church office 507-334-4308



To give online go to
fourthaveumc.org/give
or scan the QR code.



First Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:34-40 (NLT)

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Second Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:1-15 (NLT)

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you. I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses. For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace.

But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us. For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.

You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth? It certainly isn't God, for he is the one who called you to freedom. This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough! I am trusting the Lord to keep you from believing false teachings. God will judge that person, whoever he is, who has been confusing you.

Dear brothers and sisters, if I were still preaching that you must be circumcised—as some say I do—why am I still being persecuted? If I were no longer preaching salvation through the cross of Christ, no one would be offended. I just wish that those troublemakers who want to mutilate you by circumcision would mutilate themselves.

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.

And Can It Be that I Should Gain
UMH #363

Verse 1:
And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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Verse 2:
'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore;
Let angel minds inquire no more.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore;
Let angel minds inquire no more.

Verse 3:
He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

Verse 4:
Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

Verse 5:
No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Thomas Campbell
@1989 The United Methodist Publishing House
CCLI Song #2647487

Faith of Our Fathers
UMH #710

Verse 1
Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death!

Verse 2
Faith of our fathers, we will strive
To win all nations unto thee,
And thru the truth that comes from God,
Mankind shall then be truly free.

Refrain

Verse 3
Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.

Refrain

Words: Frederick W Faber
Music: Henri F Hemy
Music (refrain): James G Walton
@1989 The United Methodist Publishing House
CCLI Song #29011

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow
UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois
@1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
TFWS #2146

Verse 1:
Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:

Refrain:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy,)
I sing because I'm free, (I'm free,)
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

Verse 2:
"Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see:

Refrain

Verse 3:
Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free:

Words: Civilla Martin
Music: Charles H. Gabriel
@2000 Abingdon Press
CCLI Song # 4445838

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship w/ Communion 9:00am All Saints Day	2 Lakelanders 7:00pm	3 Mission Sewing 1:00 - 3:00pm 	4 Trauma Group 1:00 -3:00pm, BR No Choir Practice	5 Trustee 6:30pm, Parlor Soup to Go Veggie Prep 12 noon Operation 23-Zero 7:00pm, Library	6 Soup to Go Pick-up 10:30am - 1:00 pm	7 Jesus Food 10:00 - 12:00pm Faribault Mall
8 Worship 9:00am	9 Mission & Outreach 6:00pm Parlor Lakelanders 7:00pm	10 Mission Sewing 1:00 - 3:00pm	11 Choir 6:30 - 7:30pm	12 UWIF 12:00pm Parlor Soup to Go Veggie Prep 12 noon	13 Soup to Go Pick-up 10:30am - 1:00 pm	14
15 Worship 9:00am	16 Lakelanders 7:00pm	17 Mission Sewing 1:00 - 3:00pm	18 Choir 6:30 - 7:30pm	19 Soup to Go Veggie Prep 12 noon Piecemakers 7:00pm	20 Soup to Go Pick-up 10:30am - 1:00 pm Fourth Teller Deadline	21
22 Worship 9:00am	23 Lakelanders 7:00pm	24 Mission Sewing 1:00 - 3:00pm	25 No Choir Practice	26 	27	28
29 Worship 9:00am All Church Conference 7:00pm, Little Prarie UMC	30 Lakelanders 7:00pm	Mission Sewing 1:00 - 3:00pm				

Unified Budget Receipts

October

Oct. 4	$2,200.00	
	$2,454.57	Hope's Share
Oct. 11	$1,935.00	
Oct. 18	$2,454.00	
Total	$9,043.57	

Thank you for your faithful gifts!



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25 Worship 9:00am	26 Lakelanders 7:00pm	27 Mission Sewing 1:00 - 3:00pm	28 No choir practice	29	30	31



Lakelander's Barbershop Chorus Presents

United in Song

LAKELANDERS CHORUS

Making Peace & Spreading Joy Concert

Featuring

Just One More

Saturday, October 24 at 3:00 pm
Faribault Evangelical Free Church
1039 St Paul Avenue, Faribault



Ruth's House

Whispers of Hope

HOPE CENTER

Admission is Free. Free-will offering for Ruth's House of Hope, Whispers of Hope, and the Hope Center.

www.lakelanderschorus.org

FALL 2026

Soup To Go

FOURTH AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 6

CREAM OF POTATO, TURKEY NOODLE, HAMBURGER VEGETABLE

NOVEMBER 13

BROCCOLI CHEESE, TURKEY WILD RICE, HAMBURGER VEGETABLE

NOVEMBER 20

CORN CHOWDER, TURKEY NOODLE, TURKEY WILD RICE

Selling 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Pints $5 & Quarts $10

Pre-orders are encouraged. To place your order please call the church at 507-334-4308 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

*** Please note: Fridays will be walk-in sales only and no phone orders will be taken. ***

219 4th Avenue NW, Faribault, MN 55021

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18th Annual

IRIS Turkey Trot



5K Walk, 5K Run,
10K Run, Tot Trot,
& Gobble Wobble

100% of Proceeds benefit
Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc ©
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Join us Thanksgiving Morning
Thursday, November 26 2026

Early Check-In:
Wednesday, November 25 2026
4-6:30pm

Day of Registration/Check-In:
7:00am-8:00am

Event Start Times:
8:00am - Tot Trot & Gobble Wobble
8:30am - 10K followed by 5K Events

All Events held at: Faribault Middle School
704 17th Street SW - Faribault

Registration &
Volunteer Info
irisRemembers.com

Questions?
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Office Hours	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Our Team	
Pastor	Pastor Shawn Stoll
Administrative Assistant	Sarah Clark
Office Volunteer	Kathy DuChene
Choir Director	Kelly Landsverk
Pianist/Organ Accompanist	Doug Madow
Audio/Visual	Jim Heyer & Dale Hauptli
Nursery Attendant	Kim Luedke
Custodian	Sarah Clark



JOIN US!!!

⛪ Join Us for Sunday Worship!

We would love to see you this Sunday! Whether you're joining us in person or tuning in online, there is a place for you in our church family.

🕗 Worship Service: 9:00 AM

☕ Fellowship & Treats: Immediately following service in the Annex (come grab a cup of coffee and connect!)

🍞 Holy Communion: Observed on the first Sunday of every month.

💻 Can't Make It in Person?

Catch our service broadcast live every Sunday on YouTube at @FaribaultFourthAveUMC!



"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." --- Matthew 18:20