Fourth Avenue
United Methodist Church



“The Law & the Promise”

Sunday, September 20, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prelude Doug Madow

Welcome

Introit *Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome* Choir

Announcements

***The Gathering**
In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides…
We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.
In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God's provision and abundance deep in our bones…
We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.
In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together…
We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.
Disciples of Jesus, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on…
As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

***Invocation**
Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope.
You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains.
We set our attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as worship your holy name. Amen.

***Special Music** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Choir

*** Please stand if able**

Scripture Reading	Romans 4:9-12	Rick Rabeneck
Children's Message		
Scripture Reading	Galatians 3:15-29	Rick Rabeneck
Special Music	*It Is Well*	Praise Band
Message	"The Law & the Promise"	Pastor Shawn
***Hymn**	*In Christ There is No East or West*	UMH #548

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	*Bind Us Together*	TFWS #2226

***Benediction**

Postlude Doug Madow

Please join us for a **POTLUCK** in the
Fellowship Hall after worship!

Lettuce have a fun time at the potluck! ☺

POTLUCK AND ALL-CHURCH DISCUSSION

The day is finally here! Join us right after the service in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious shared meal and wonderful fellowship. Afterwards, stick around for our all-church discussion. Your presence makes all the difference!

BIBLE STUDY – GALATIANS

Pastor Shawn is looking for days and times that work best for your schedule. Please see the sign-up sheet on the library table. Share the day(s) of the week and times that work best for your schedule.
The bible study will be 1-hour and there is room for 10 people.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
October 2nd
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Be a hero, give blood.

CROP WALK Oct. 3rd
Registration 8:00-9:00am
Walk 9:00-10:00am
Donation envelopes in library!

THE CHOSEN (TV series)

Coming in November we have the opportunity to watch The Chosen at the Cannon Valley Cinema in Dundas. Ticket prices will vary but, if we are able to get 50 or more tickets, the price will be $6.50 per ticket. If we get a large enough group together, reserving a showing just for Fourth Avenue UMC and friends is a possibility! More information to come.

Pastor Shawn Stoll
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fourthaveumc.org/give
or scan the QR code.



First Reading

Romans 4:9-12 (NLT)

Now, is this blessing only for the Jews, or is it also for uncircumcised Gentiles? Well, we have been saying that Abraham was counted as righteous by God because of his faith. But how did this happen? Was he counted as righteous only after he was circumcised, or was it before he was circumcised? Clearly, God accepted Abraham before he was circumcised!

Circumcision was a sign that Abraham already had faith and that God had already accepted him and declared him to be righteous -- even before he was circumcised. So Abraham is the spiritual father of those who have faith but have not been circumcised. They are counted as righteous because of their faith. And Abraham is also the spiritual father of those who have been circumcised, but only if they have the same kind
of faith Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Second Reading

Galatians 3:15-29 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, here's an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or amend an irrevocable agreement, so it is in this case. God gave the promises to Abraham and his child. And notice that the Scripture doesn't say "to his children," as if it meant many descendants. Rather, it says "to his child" -- and that, of course, means Christ. This is what I am trying to say: The agreement God made with Abraham could not be canceled 430 years later when God gave the law to Moses. God would be breaking his promise. For if the inheritance could be received by keeping the law, then it would not be the result of accepting God's promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham as a promise.

Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised. God
gave his law through angels to Moses, who was the mediator between God and the people. Now a mediator is helpful if more than one party must reach an agreement. But God, who is one, did
not use a mediator when he gave his promise
to Abraham.

Is there a conflict, then, between God's law and God's promises? Absolutely not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with
God by obeying it. But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.

Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed.

Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting
on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot you have taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul!

Though the devil will ruin, though trials may come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And He shed His own blood for my soul!

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)!
It is well, it is well with my soul!

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin not in part but in whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord oh my soul!

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul! (X 2)

And Lord haste the day, when my faith shall be sight,
And the clouds be rolled back as a scroll!
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul!
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul!

Authors: Horatio Gates Spafford, Jars of Clay, Philip Paul Bliss
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In Christ There is No East or West
UMH #548

Verse 1
In Christ there is no East or West,
in Him no South or North;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

Verse 2
In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

Verse 3
In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.

Verse 4
In Christ now meet both east and west,
in Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: Sts. 1, 2, 4 John Oxenham
St. 3 Laurance Hull Stookey
Music: Harry T. Burleigh
@1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

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

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
TFWS #2226

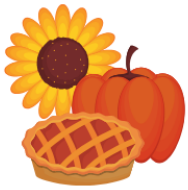
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in love.

There is only one God,
there is only one King:
There is only one body,
that is why we sing.

Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in love.

Words & Music: Bob Billman
@2000 Abingdon Press
CCLI Song # 1228

hello SEPTEMBER





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 Worship 9:00am Celebration in the Park	31	1 Mission Sewing 1:00 - 3:00pm	2 Trauma Group 1:00 -3:00 pm Choir 6:30 - 7:30pm	3 Trustees 6:30pm Parlor Operation 23-0 7:00pm Library	4	5 Jesus Food 10:00 - 12:00pm Faribault Mall
6 Worship w/ Communion 9:00am	7 Lakelanders 7:00pm	8 Mission Sewing 1:00 - 3:00pm	9 3rd Space Meeting 10:00am Choir 6:30 - 7:30pm	10 UWIF 12:00pm Parlor Bring a bag lunch Dessert provided	11	12
13 Worship 9:00am	14 Mission & Outreach 6:00pm Parlor Lakelanders 7:00pm Ad Council 7:30pm Parlor	15 FACMA 11:30am River Valley Church Lunch Provided Mission Sewing 1:00 - 3:00pm	16 Choir 6:30 - 7:30pm	17 Finance & B&G 5:30pm Parlor Piecemakers 7:00pm	18	19
20 Worship 9:00am Potluck & Meeting immediately following	21 Lakelanders 7:00pm	22 ~~Mission Sewing 1:00 - 3:00pm~~ (Canceled)	23 Choir 6:30 - 7:30pm FourthTeller Deadline	24	25	26 Piecemakers Work Day 8:00am - 4:30pm FH
27 Worship 9:00am	28 Lakelanders 7:00pm	29 Mission Sewing 1:00 - 3:00pm	30 Choir 6:30 - 7:30pm	1 Trustees 6:30pm Parlor Operation 23-0 7:00pm Library	2 Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00am - 3:00pm FH	3 CROP Walk 9:00am Jesus Food 10:00am - 12:00pm Fbo Mall

Unified Budget Receipts

September

Sept. 6	$4,352.00	
	$2.454.57	Hope's Share
Sept. 13	$1,290.00	
Total	$8,096.57	

Thank you for your faithful gifts!



Blood Drive

Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall
219 4th Ave NW
Faribault, MN 55021

Friday, October 2, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FourthAveFaribault to schedule an appointment.

Scan to be directed to RapidPass®

Fall into the habit of donating! Get a $15 e-gift card when you come to give blood Sept. 21-Oct. 18.

Scan to schedule an appointment.



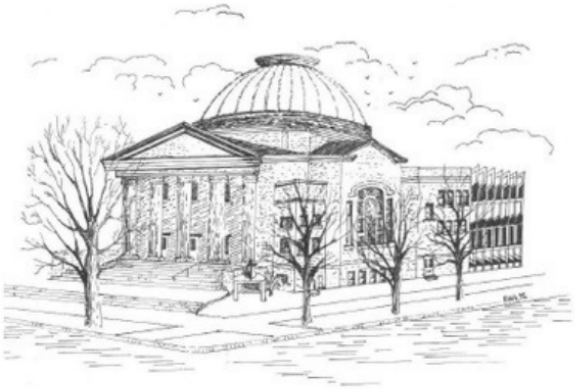


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Visit the Office	219 4th Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021
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Doors Open	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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