#### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Gathering Music Doug Madow

#### Welcome/Announcements

Pastor Amy Jo

Sharon Nelson

- Sign-Up Sheet for reading Scripture & soup volunteers
- Book Club- Meeting after worship today
- Book Study at Hope Church on parables, Monday at 10:00 a.m.
- Lenten Soup Sales

\*Call to Worship (from Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine; for your light has come

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples;

But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light

And kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Special Music: "Chain Braker" Brad Prange

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:6-8
With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

<sup>\*</sup>Invocation

Children's Message: A Heart Growing Three Sizes

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:33-42

Sharon Nelson

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a bushel basket; rather, one puts it on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. <sup>34</sup> Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but if it is unhealthy, your body is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup> Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. <sup>36</sup> But if your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays."

<sup>37</sup> While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him, so he went in and took his place at the table. <sup>38</sup> The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. <sup>39</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup> You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup> So give as alms those things that are within and then everything will be clean for you. But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others.

\*Hymn "We Are Called" #2172, FWS

Message Shining God's Light—Inside and Out Pastor Amy Jo

Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" #451 UMH

Celebration of Generosity: Community Action Center

Offertory

\*Doxology #95 UMH

\*Offering Prayer

Community Prayer: Prayer of Saint Patrick

Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us,

Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us,

Christ on our right, Christ on our left,

Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise,

Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us,

Christ in every eye that sees us,

Christ in every ear that hears us.

Salvation is of the Lord,

Salvation is of the Christ, May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us. Amen.

#### 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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #206, UMH

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind blow at your back
May the sun shine warmly on your face.
May the rain fall softly on your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.

Postlude Doug Madow

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### Church office 507-334-4308 Pastor Amy Jo's cell phone 507-341-1760

### **Church Calendar Of Events**

Sun. Mar. 16	9am Worship
Mon. Mar. 17	10am Book Study at Hope Church on parables
Mon. Mar. 17	7pm Lakelanders
Thurs. Mar. 20	12:30 Veggie Prep for soup in FH
Thurs. Mar. 20	7pm Piecemakers
Fri. Mar. 21	10:30am-1pm Lenten Soup to go FH
Sun. Mar. 23	9am Worship

<sup>\*</sup>Benediction

#### **Community Announcements**

#### Save the Date: Wednesday, March 26th

Jersey Mike's Subs in Faribault – (formerly Taco John's) – 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, Wednesday, March 26, 2025 is Jersey Mike's "Day of Giving," where all 61 Jersey Mike's Minnesota locations will give 100% of the day's sales (not just profit) to support Special Olympics Minnesota to help fund year-round athletic and health-based services for thousands of athletes. Most of you know that our friend, David Goede, is a member of Special Olympics Minnesota. Let's all visit Jersey Mike's on March 26<sup>th</sup> to support David and his teammates and help spread the joy of inclusion!

#### **Giving Report**

Mar. 2 \$2,533.00 Mar. 9 \$2,154.00

#### **Noisy Offering**

Mar. 2 \$ 44.25 Mar. 9 \$128.15

#### **Lenten 2025 Soup to Go Update**

March 7<sup>th</sup> (week 1)295 Quarts sold \$3,043 in sales

cash donations as of March 9<sup>th</sup>: \$1,255.00

Thank you to everyone who donated food, supplies, money, volunteered their time and energy, and prayed for our soup project. We look forward to two more weeks of reaching out to our community together.

## FOURTH AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# 2025 Lenten Soup To Go

selling homemade soup to warm your hearts this Lenten season

MARCH 7
TURKEY WILD RICE, BROCCOLI CHEESE,
HAMBURGER VEGETABLE

MARCH 14
TURKEY NOODLE, CREAM OF POTATO,
SPLIT PEA WITH HAM

MARCH 21
TURKEY WILD RICE, CORN CHOWDER,
HAMBURGER VEGETABLE,
TURKEY NOODLE

Selling 10:30 am to 1:00 pm Pints \$5 & Quarts \$10

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

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