WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Gathering Music Doug Madow

Welcome/Announcements

Pastor Amy Jo

- Sign-Up Sheet for reading Scripture & soup volunteers
- Book Club- Meeting after worship today
- Ash Wednesday Services: noon-12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Wed. 3/5/25
- Lenten Soup Sales

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 119, adapted)
Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
Oh, how we love your law! It is our meditation all day long.
How sweet are your words to our taste,
sweeter than honey to our mouth!

Special Music: "How Can I Keep from Singing?" John Streiff & Kelly Landsverk

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 11:1, 18-21

"You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always. . . . You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹ You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ²⁰ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth."

Children's Message:

^{*}Invocation

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

Hymn: "Faith While Trees Are Still in Blossom" #508, v. 1, 2 & 5, UMH

Message Preparing the Soil Pastor Amy Jo

Hymn: "Spirit Song" #347, UMH

Celebration of Generosity: Cambine Agricultural Program in Mozambique

Offertory

*Doxology #95, UMH

*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: "How Firm a Foundation" #529, v. 1, 2 & 5, UMH

*Benediction

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,

Postlude Doug Madow

Please join us after worship in the annex for a time of fellowship.

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

Church Calendar Of Events

Sun. Feb. 23	9am Worship
Mon. Feb. 24	7pm Lakelanders
Sat. Mar. 1	10am-12pm Jesus Food @ Farbo West Mall
Sun. Mar. 2	9am Worship
Mon. Mar. 3	6:30pm Church Council Meeting
Wed. Mar. 5	10am-1pm Church Office hours
Wed. Mar. 5	12-12:30pm & 7-7:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship
Thurs. Mar. 6	12:30 Veggie Prep for soup in FH
Fri. Mar. 7	10:30am-1pm Lenten Soup to go FH

Community Announcements

Giving Report

Feb. 9	\$2,500.00
Feb. 16	\$3.545.00

Lenten Soup Update – February 20, 2025

Thanks to everyone for your wonderful enthusiasm and positive response to our **Lenten 2025 Soup to Go** announcement.

We want to highlight that there are so many ways to be involved. Not only by volunteering (for instance: vegetable prep on Thursdays at 12:30pm or filling soup containers on Friday mornings), but also by helping with grocery donations. We are still in need of 35 pounds of ground beef, 25 pounds of butter, and 50 pounds of dried split peas. Financial donations to help offset the cost of groceries would be graciously accepted and much appreciated. No donation is too small to make a BIG difference.

Check out the sign up sheets near the library or talk with us to learn more!

Please note: we are in need of small cardboard boxes for soup carryout and ice cream buckets & covers for all sorts of uses. Please save what you can and bring them on Sundays or set them on the bench outside the office during the week. We are happy to carry them downstairs to storage.

Don't forget! We have posters available for you to distribute throughout the community. Please post them around town (where you eat, where you get your hair cut, where you shop, where you live) and hand them to your friends. We are working on as much free publicity as possible (Faribault Daily News, the State Bank sign, FCTV, Facebook, etc.)

It will take every single one of us to make this event a success. Like we always say, there's no "I" in soup, we NEED "U"! We appreciate all of your SOUP-port and look forward to having SOUP-er fun with you soon!

The 2025 Lenten Soup Team

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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