

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, January 26, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

Doug Madow

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Amy Jo

- Book Study at Hope UMC, tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., Parables of the Kingdom of God
- Sign-Up Sheet for reading Scripture
- Sign-up for Summer Camps & Retreats is now Open

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)

L: God is our refuge and strength

C: A very present help in trouble.

L: Therefore we will not fear,

C: Though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea

L: God calls to us: “Be still and know that I am God!”

C: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*SONG

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

#133, UMH

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 61:1-4

Lu Ann Heyer

Hear my cry, O God;

listen to my prayer.

² From the end of the earth I call to you,
when my heart is faint.

Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I,

³ for you are my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.

⁴ Let me abide in your tent forever,
find refuge under the shelter of your wings. *Selah*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: An Easy Yoke

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:28-30

Lu Ann Heyer

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Lu Ann Heyer

Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

*SONG “Change My Heart, O God” #2152, FWS

MESSAGE Don’t Go It Alone Pastor Amy Jo

SONG “Blessed Assurance” #369, UMH

CELEBRATION OF GENEROSITY: UMCOR Disaster Response

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.

*SONG “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” #2158, FWS

*BENEDICTION

**God grant me serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
The Courage to change the things I can;
And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Doug Madow

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

DID YOU KNOW?

We have guest wifi available for public use!

Wifi Network: 4thAveUMC-GUEST

Password: FamilyOfFaith

New Office Hours

Wednesdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Pastor Amy Jo contact 507-341-1760

We are bringing back the Monthly newsletter! The first new edition should be out next month, February.

Minnesota Camp registration has opened! This is a summer event from Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Faribault Lions Club Pancake & Sausage Feast



Sunday, Feb 2 @ 7:30 am - 12:30 pm

Faribault American Legion

The Lions want your plastic!

Bring your **CLEAN** and **DRY**
plastic bags, bubble wrap, packaging film, etc.

To Be Recycled!

Donation: Adults \$10.00, Children 12 & Under \$5.00
All Proceeds go to Lions Projects

Please Bring Your Old Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids to Donate

Christmas Offering report--- \$2,176 total in Christmas envelopes plus other designated monies marked specifically to R.E.M. and Appointments. Total R.E.M.-Liberia \$1,108; Total Appointments \$1,188.

Unified Budget Income:	Jan. 5	\$1,937
	Jan. 12	\$2,156
	Jan. 19	\$465

Human Relations Sunday: Jan. 19 \$30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., Jan. 26	9:00 am Worship
Mon., Jan. 27	10:00 am Book Study at Hope UMC
Mon., Jan. 27	6:30 pm Ad Council Meeting in the Parlor
Sun., Feb. 2	9:00 am Worship
Mon., Feb. 3	7:00 pm Lakelanders
Wed., Feb. 5	1:00-3:00 Spiritual Direction Group w/ Ruth Hickey, BR
Thurs., Feb. 6	6:30 pm Trustees meeting in the Parlor
Thurs., Feb. 6	7:00 pm op 23-0 meeting in Library
Sun., Feb. 9	9:00 am Worship