# Fourth Avenue
# United Methodist Church




## “Faith Like Abraham”

Sunday, September 6, 2026

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Prelude** Doug Madow

**Welcome and Announcements**

***The Gathering**
Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.
**God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.**
We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.
**God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.**
We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.
**God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.**
We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.
**Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Invocation**
Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement, teach us to listen long, be slow to judge and to walk in your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering.
**O Lord, hear our prayer. Amen**.

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| ***Hymn** | *A Fire is Meant for Burning* | *TFWS #2237* |
| **Scripture Reading** | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-10, 17-19 | Rick Rabeneck |
| **Children's Message** | | |
| **Scripture Reading** | Galatians 2:15-21, 3:1-9 | Rick Rabeneck |
| ***Hymn** | Faith of Our Fathers | UMH #710 |
| **Message** | "Faith Like Abraham" | Pastor Shawn |

*** Please stand if able**

***Hymn** *Here is Bread, Here is Wine* TFWS #2266

**Communion**

**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** *We Are the Church* UMH #558

***Benediction**

**Postlude** Doug Madow

Please join us for fellowship in the annex after worship!

## POTLUCK AND ALL-CHURCH DISCUSSION

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 20**! Join us right after the 9:00 AM service for our Potluck and continuation of the All-Church Discussion. Bring a favorite dish to share, catch up with friends, and help shape our future together - we can't wait to see you there!

## CHOIR BEGINS

Sing a New Song to the Lord! Choir is on Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30pm, downstairs in the choir room. All skill levels are welcome – just bring your love for God and music to help fill our sanctuary with joy and praise!

## MISSON SEWING

Need a patch in your Tuesday schedule? Mission Sewing is back! Join us weekly on **Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM** as we stitch together items of comfort for our local community and third world countries. After all, a stitch in time saves nine, but an afternoon spent together is darn near perfect.

## 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.

## MUMS – BEAU CHANT FUNDRAISER

*10-inch pot $15.00 each*

*Colors available: Gold, Burgundy, Bronze (orange), purple and pink*

Our Office Administrative Assistant, Sarah Clark, is performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City with the Beau Chant Community Choir in June 2027! To help support her journey, stop her at church, call the office at 507-334-4308 or email her softlysingtome@gmail.com. THANK YOU!

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# First Reading

# Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-10, 17-19 (NLT)

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith--for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.

# Second Reading

# Galatians 2:15-21, 3:1-9 (NLT)

“You and I are Jews by birth, not ‘sinners ’like the Gentiles. Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.”

But suppose we seek to be made right with God through faith in Christ and then we are found guilty because we have abandoned the law. Would that mean Christ has led us into sin? Absolutely not! Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down. For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law--I stopped trying to meet all its requirements--so that I might live for God. My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.

Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ’s death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about

Christ. How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it?

I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.

In the same way, “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God.

What’s more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would make the Gentiles right in his sight because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, “All nations will be blessed through you.” So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

***As a Fire Is Meant for Burning***
TFWS #2237

**Verse 1**
As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbors everywhere.

**Verse 2**
We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gently, loving actions
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit
we would live to God's delight.

**Verse 3**
As a green bud in the springtime is a sign
of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's
peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm
Is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new
and glorious dawn.

Words: Ruth Duck
Music: From *The Sacred Harp*
@2000 by Abingdon Press

***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

***Here is Bread, Here is Wine***
TFWS #2266

Verse 1
Here is bread, here is wine:
Christ is with us: He is with us.
Break the bread; taste the wine:
Christ is with us here.

Refrain
In this bread there is healing;
in this cup there's life forever.
In this moment by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.

Verse 2
Here is grace, here is peace:
Christ is with us: He is with us.
Know his grace; find his peace:
Feast on Jesus here.

Refrain

Verse 3
Here we are, joined in one:
Christ is with us: He is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified.

Refrain

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick
@2000 Abingdon Press
CCLI Song #983717

***<u>Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow</u>***
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

***We Are the Church***
UMH #558

**Refrain**
I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

**Verse 1**
The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.

**Refrain**

**Verse 2**
We're many kinds of people
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages too,
from all times and places.

**Refrain**

**Verse 3**
Sometimes the church is marching,
sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding,
sometimes hiding,
always it's learning.

**Refrain**

**Verse 4**
And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and
there's crying sometimes,
all of it saying.

**Refrain**

**Verse 5**
At Pentecost some people
received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News through the world to all
who would hear it.

Music & Words: Richard K. Avery &
Donald S. Marsh
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CCLI Song #18510

# hello SEPTEMBER

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

## Unified Budget Receipts

**August**

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| **Aug. 2** | $3,808.00 | |
| **Aug. 9** | $1,877.00 | |
| | $2,454.57 | Hope's Share |
| **Aug. 16** | $2,302.00 | |
| **Aug. 23** | $1,879.00 | |
| **Aug. 30** | $2,680.50 | |

**Total** $15,001.07

**Thank you for your faithful gifts!**

**Saturday, September 12th - Join us for A Day of Fun and Good Causes at Blooming Grove United Methodist Church**

Spread the word to your friends, families and neighbors - as all events are open to the public!
Feel free to bring your own lawn chairs to relax and enjoy in comfort.
This will also be a great time to come and see our new building addition.
We look forward to seeing you there!

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**4 Mile Run/Walk & Kids 1/4 Mile Run**

**(Enjoy the walk or run around the 4-mile section.)**

**Registration: 8:30 am**
**Kids 1/4 Mile Run: 9:15 am**
**4 Mile Walk: 9:30 am**
**4 Mile Run: 10:00 am**

We invite and encourage you to attend the run/walk. Enjoy the walk or run around the 4-square mile section and feel great about supporting our area food shelves (all registration fees will go to area food shelves). Registration forms are available on our church website www.bloominggroveumc.org, or call Brad Saufferer (507-363-6579) for a form or to answer any questions.

**We are also hosting the "Holy Hog" BBQ rib cook-off to support area food shelves Food is ready at noon!**

Teams from the Prairie Lakes Parish of the United Methodist Church (Blooming Grove UMC, Janesville UMC, and Waterville Evangelical UMC) will be barbequing ribs! Spectators will have the opportunity to taste the results and vote with their wallets by placing their money in a container next to the BBQ contestant they like the most. The BBQ team that receives the highest amount of donations will be declared the best barbeque team in the parish and will be awarded the "Holy Hog" trophy, a high honor indeed.
Lunch (and picnic table seating) will be available for a free-will offering with proceeds going to area Food Shelves



**Afternoon Tractor Pull**

*Farm Stock tractors only with a ten-thousand pound weight limit!*

The Tractor Pull will begin at 1:00 pm with the blessing of the tractors. There will be 14 weight classes starting at 3500 and below and going up in 500 pound increments to 10,000 pounds.
The pulls are twenty dollars per pull.

For more information on all events, contact Brad Saufferer (507) 363-6579 (b_saufferer@msn.com)



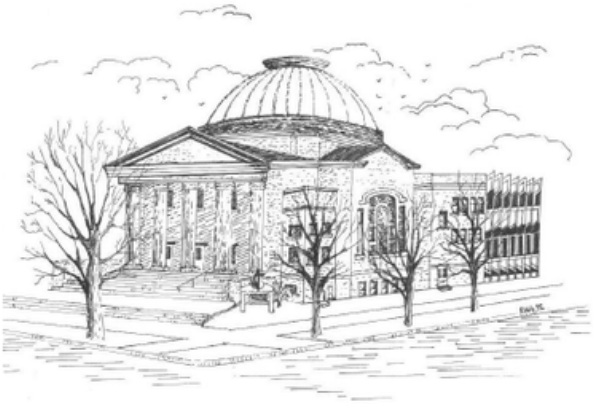



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| Visit the Office | 219 4th Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021 |
| Give Us a Ring | 507-334-4308 |
| In Your Inbox | fourthaveumcoffice@gmail.com |
| Doors Open | Wednesday, Thursday & Friday<br>9:00 am - 1:00 pm |

| 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