Fourth Avenue
United Methodist Church



“Children and Heirs”

Sunday, September 27, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prelude Doug Madow

Welcome

Announcements

***The Gathering**
The apostle Paul calls us to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." What is the mind of Jesus?
The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
Paul reminds us that "it is God who is at work in you." How is God at work in us?
God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
Paul exhorts us to "work on your own salvation with fear and trembling." How do we work on our own salvation?
We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.
We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

***Invocation**
Creator God, you have so carefully made us that although we cannot fathom you, we can yet love you.
Gratefully, we bring our little lives to you, asking that our worship may arise from love and be shaped by love, and be directed towards that larger loving which is our soul's desire. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Special Music** *10,000 Reasons* Choir

Scripture Reading Romans 6:15-19 Deb Jindra-Pope

* **Please stand if able**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading	Galatians 4:1-11	Deb Jindra-Pope
Hymn	*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*	*TFWS #2193*
Message	"Children and Heirs"	Pastor Shawn
***Hymn**	*Together We Serve*	TFWS #2175

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	*Song of Hope*	TFWS #2186

***Benediction**

Postlude Doug Madow

Please join us for fellowship in the annex after worship!

FALL SOUP SALE – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our Fall Soup Sale is coming up on the first three Fridays in November **(Nov 6, 13, & 20)**, with veggie prep every Thursday before at noon. We need volunteers for prep and sale days, as well as donations (especially hamburger, butter, or monetary gifts). Please stop by the sign-up table (located in the sanctuary on the west side wall under the windows) to volunteer, donate, or pick up promotional flyers!
For full details and a list of the soup committee contacts, check the upcoming newsletter.

VISIONING MEETING RESULTS

Be sure to check the upcoming newsletter for a summary of last Sunday's discussion groups. There is a lot of great information to review!

GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY BEGINS!!!

When: Tuesdays at 6:00 pm (Starting September 29th)
First Location: Home of Carolyn Hanson (locations will vary)
Availability: 6 spots remaining. If you're interested in joining, there is still time to sign up. Please do so on the table in the library.

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)

This November, we have a wonderful opportunity to see *The Chosen* on the big screen at Cannon Valley Cinema in Dundas! Ticket prices vary, but if we gather a group of 50 or more, tickets will be just $6.50 each. If we get a large enough group, we may even be able to reserve a private showing just for Fourth Avenue UMC and friends. More details (such as date) will follow soon. If you are interested in joining us, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the library!

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Wi-Fi Network: 4thAveUMC-GUEST
Password: FamilyOfFaith
Church office 507-334-4308



To give online go to
fourthaveumc.org/give
or scan the QR code.



First Reading

Romans 6:15-19 (NLT)

Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.

Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy.

Second Reading

Galatians 4:1-11 (NLT)

Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

Before you Gentiles knew God, you were slaves to so-called gods that do not even exist. So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world? You are trying to earn favor with God by observing certain days or months or seasons or years. I fear for you. Perhaps all my hard work with you was for nothing.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
TFWS #2193

Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
send us love, send us power,
send us grace.

Music & Words: Ken Madema
@2000 Abingdon Press
CCLI Song #22829

Together We Serve
TFWS #2175

Verse 1
Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray, through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

Verse 2
We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

Verse 3
We welcome the scarred, the wealthy the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home, to those who will come
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Verse 4
Together by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

Music & Words: Daniel Charles Damon
@2000 Abingdon Press
CCLI Song #: 3379644

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

Song of Hope
TFWS #2186

May the God of hope go with us everyday,
filling all our lives with joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Words: Alvin Schutmaat
Music: Argentine folk melody
@2000 Abingdon Press
CCLI Song # 5193990 (partial song)

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 Bible Study 6:00pm Home of Carolyn Hanson	30 Choir 6:30 - 7:30pm	1 Trustees 6:30pm Parlor Operation 23 to Zero 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	
Sept. 20	$1,171.00	
Total	$9,267.57	

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.

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





CROP Walk

Saturday, October 3

8:00am - 9:00am	Registration
9:00 am - 10:00 am	The walk

Donations can be made using the special envelope located on the sign up table in the library.

Please give Sarah Clark the envelope this week. Next week, please place in the offering basket.

Thank you!

BEAU CHANT COMMUNITY CHOIR

CARNEGIE HALL FUNDRAISING CONCERT

October 18 at 3:00pm
at the
Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour

TICKETS $25

Each ticket sold will go directly toward the singers' tour cost. Tickets will be available after church. See Sarah Clark.

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Reach Out	The Details
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 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