# Fourth Avenue
# United Methodist Church




## “Concern for Each Other”

Sunday, October 4, 2026

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Prelude** Doug Madow

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

***The Gathering**
We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and accolades.
**We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call.**
Sometimes we find ourselves wishing for heaven without working to bring heaven to earth.
**We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to live righteously here and now**.
Other times, we find ourselves exhausted by working for the gospel, wondering if anything we do is making a difference.
**We remind one another to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call, leaning on Christ as the source of our perseverance and hope.**
Friends, God calls us not to escape this world but to build the kingdom of God in this place and in this time.
**We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to embody God's mercy and justice as we build God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**

***Invocation**
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of Life, You are beyond our words and our understanding.
**Help us to remember that You are at once infinite, boundless, timeless, and eternal, but, at the same time, intimately entwined with our lives. You are with us no matter where we find ourselves. Amen.**

**Special Music** *Gather 'Round* Choir

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Ken Harren

**Children's Message**

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| **Scripture Reading** | Galatians 4:12-20 | Ken Harren |
| **Hymn** | *Gather Us In* | *TFWS #2236* |
| **Message** | "Concern for Each Other" | Pastor Shawn |
| ***Hymn** | *Amazing Grace* | UMH #378 |

**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.**

**World Communion**

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

***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 newsletter for a summary of our discussion groups. There is a lot of great information to review!

## CROP WALK

To date we have received $200 in donations! Even though the walk was yesterday, there's still time to donate if you'd like to. Please see Kathy DuChene or Sarah Clark. They will make sure Father Doyle receives the donations.

## GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY BEGINS!!!

**When:** Tuesdays at 6:00 pm (Starting September 29th)
**First Location:** Berean Room, Fourth Ave UMC (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.

## 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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## Unified Budget Receipts

**September**

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| **Sept. 6** | $4,352.00 | |
| | $2,454.57 | Hope's Share |
| **Sept. 13** | $1,290.00 | |
| **Sept. 20** | $1,171.00 | |
| **Sept. 27** | $1,111.00 | |
| **Total** | $10,378.57 | |

**Thank you for your faithful gifts!**






| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1<br>Trustee<br>6:30pm<br>Parlor<br><br>Operation 23-Zero<br>7:00pm<br>Library | 2<br>Red Cross<br>Blood Drive<br>9:00am - 3:00pm<br>FH | 3 CROP Walk<br>8:00am Reg<br>9:00am -<br>10:00am Walk<br><br>Jesus Food<br>10:00 - 12:00pm<br>Faribault<br>Mall |
| 4<br>Worship w/<br>Communion<br>9:00am | 5<br>Lakelanders<br>7:00pm | 6<br>Mission Sewing<br>1:00 - 3:00pm | 7<br>Trauma Group<br>1:00 -3:00pm, BR<br><br>Worship Cmte<br>6:00pm, Parlor<br><br>Choir<br>6:30 - 7:30pm | 8 UWIF<br>12:00pm<br>Parlor<br><br>Vision<br>Planning<br>Open to all<br>6:00-7:00pm,<br>Parlor | 9<br>Bring a bag<br>lunch<br><br>Dessert<br>Provided | 10 |
| 11<br>Worship<br>9:00am | 12 Mission &<br>Outreach<br>6:00pm<br>Parlor<br><br>Ad Council<br>7:30pm, Parlor<br><br>Lakelanders<br>7:00pm | 13<br>Mission Sewing<br>1:00 - 3:00pm<br><br>RISE Meeting<br>5:30-6:30pm,<br>Parlor | 14<br>Choir<br>6:30 - 7:30pm | 15<br>Finance & B&G<br>5:30pm<br>Parlor<br><br>Piecemakers<br>7:00pm | 16 | 17 |
| 18<br>Worship<br>9:00am<br><br>REM Update -<br>Nicholas<br>Sonpon | 19<br>Lakelanders<br>7:00pm | 20<br>Mission Sewing<br>1:00 - 3:00pm | 21<br>Choir<br>6:30 - 7:30pm<br><br>Fourth Teller<br>Deadline | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25<br>Worship<br>9:00am | 26<br>Lakelanders<br>7:00pm | 27<br>Mission Sewing<br>1:00 - 3:00pm | 28<br>Choir<br>6:30 - 7:30pm | 29 | 30 | 31 |

## First Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified.
I came to you in weakness - timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

**Second Scripture Reading**

Galatians 4:12-20 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to live as I do in freedom from these things, for I have become like you Gentiles - free from those laws.

You did not mistreat me when I first preached to you. Surely you remember that I was sick when I first brought you the Good News. But even though my condition tempted you to reject me, you did not despise me or turn me away. No, you took me in and cared for me as though I were an angel from God or even Christ Jesus himself. Where is that joyful and grateful spirit you felt then? I am sure you would have taken out your own eyes and given them to me if it had been possible. Have I now become your enemy because I am telling you the truth?

Those false teachers are so eager to win your favor, but their intentions are not good. They are trying to shut you off from me so that you will pay attention only to them. If someone is eager to do good things for you, that's all right; but let them do it all the time, not just when I'm with you.

Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives. I wish I were with you right now so I could change my tone. But at this distance I don't know how else to help you.

**Gather Us In**
TFWS #2236

**Verse 1:**
Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

**Verse 2:**
We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

**Verse 3:**
Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

**Verse 4:**
Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

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CCLI Song #22829

**Amazing Grace**
UMH #378

**Verse 1:**
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

**Verse 2:**
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

**Verse 3:**
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

**Verse 4:**
The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

**Verse 5:**
Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

**Verse 6:**
When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Words: John Newton
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CCLI Song #: 4755360

**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
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**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**

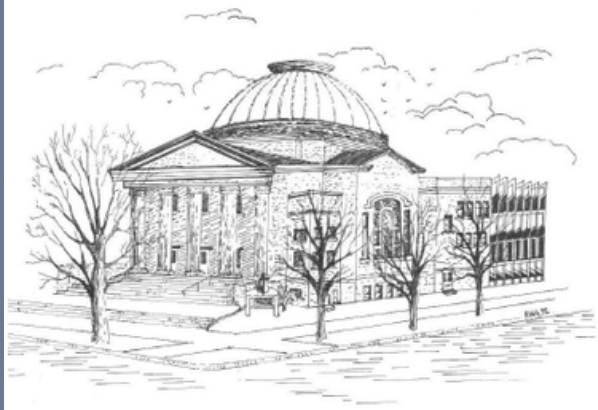
Words and Music: Graham Kendrick
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# STAY CONNECTED

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| Reach Out | The Details |
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| Visit the Office | 219 4th Ave NW<br>Faribault, MN 55021 |
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| In Your Inbox | fourthaveumcoffice@gmail.com |
| Office Hours | Wednesday, Thursday & Friday<br>9:00 am - 1:00 pm |

| Our Team | |
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| 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