



UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF ANOKA

*Providing Hope to Our Community*

# Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, September 17, 2023  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

**PRELUDE**

*Foundation* arranged by Wilber Held

**WELCOME**

**\*HYMN**

We Are Called (TFWS 2172)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Holy One, God of powerful love, you have brought us through the Red Sea of all that diminishes us into the wide freedom of your grace.

**All: You have brought us into the land of your deep forgiveness.**

Leader: You have given us outrageous hope.

**All: You surround us with love and peace. We thank you. We worship you. We listen for your Word.**



**OPENING PRAYER**

**God of truth, you led your children out of Egypt into a new life. Jesus shows us a new way to live. We open ourselves to your Word, and pray that you lead us into the newness of life, by the grace of your Spirit, always present within and among us. We pray that you will draw us close to you. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Draw Me Close To You* by Michael W. Smith  
Praise Team Coordinator, Kelvin Paye

**KIDS MESSAGE**

*(Kids of all ages are invited to join the pastor up front)*

**A MOMENT OF INVITATION**

**A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY**

**Bill Ekstrum**

**\*HYMN**

*Freely, Freely* (UMH 389)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSVUE)

**MESSAGE**

**“Forgive Them”**  
Pastor Karen Evenson

**OFFERING**

*Days of Elijah* by Robin Mark  
Praise Team Coordinator, Kelvin Paye

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (UMH 94)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*And Are We Yet Alive* (UMH 553 v 1-4)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Festive March* by Rex Koury



## Worship Hospitality Team

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu  
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Scott Evenson  
Deaconess ~ Kim Harris  
Greeters ~ Laurie and Rosalie Huston  
Jubilee Bells Director ~ Kathy Chojnacki  
Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Meredith Berry  
Organist ~ Diane Gronewold  
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson  
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye  
Scripture Reader ~ Sherie Falink  
Ushers ~ Don Menter, David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Joyce Buffington, and Mark Worst  
Welcome Center ~ Chuck and Sandy Burnham  
Worship Tech ~ Dallas Berry, Gene and Wade Schultz

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## September 24, 2023 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

**“Same”**

Message by Pastor Karen Evenson

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### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

UMCA Office Hours: 10:00am - 2:00pm ~ Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Or by appointment, please contact us at:

Phone: 763-421-2378 | Email: [umcanoka@gmail.com](mailto:umcanoka@gmail.com)

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8:30am Neighborhood CrossWalk  
*Neighborhood CrossWalk in the neighborhoods around the church building.*

*Or, start a neighborhood CrossWalk near your home. Join Pastor Karen for a walk and pray for our neighbors and community! Meet others from church! Make new friends!*

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 **4:30pm Servant Leadership Board Meeting  
and Charge Conference**

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:00am Sewing & Quilting Group  
6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
6:30pm Youth Group and Confirmation  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 21, 2023 8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square  
9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom

Saturday, September 23, 2023 6:00pm 2nd Annual Variety Show!

Sunday, September 24, 2023 **SUNDAY SERVICE**  
9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)

# SEPTEMBER

## World Ministries of the Month



### UMCOR Disaster Response, Mujila Falls, and many more

The mission of the General Board of Global Ministries is to equip and transform people and places for God's mission around the world. Our four mission goals are:

1. Make disciples of Jesus Christ;
2. Strengthen, develop, and renew Christian congregations and communities;
3. Alleviate human suffering;
4. Seek justice, freedom, and peace.



**OC**MINISTRIES

### Biawaila-Operation Classroom, Operation Cut & Sew, Operation Clean Water, and many more

#### **ABOUT US**

Soon after its inception, OC Ministries quickly learned it needed to do more than just build classrooms. Communities they served had additional needs. In 1998 OC Classroom: MN decided to change its name to OC Ministries to expand its mission effort. It now included Classrooms, Curriculum, Clinics, Churches, Crop, Clear Vision, Clean Water, Cut & Sew and, of course, Connection.

Schools have been built or rehabilitated in Pachica, Chile ... Port-au-Prince, Haiti ... Aboukir, Alexandria, Bamboo, Borobridge, Browns Town, Johns Town, Keith, Retirement, St. Ann's Bay, Stewart Town, and Vauxhall, Jamaica ... Boway, Gbarnga, Camphor, Greenville, Harper City, and Paynesville, Liberia ... Ponce and San Juan, Puerto Rico ... BAiwalla, Free Town, Lunsar, Kabala, Makeni, Manonkoh, Mile 91, Moyamba, Rofifunk, and Yonibana, Sierra Leone ... and Kioga, Uganda.