



UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF ANOKA

*Providing Hope to Our Community*

# Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## PRELUDE

*Jesus Lover of My Soul* arranged by Don Hustad

## WELCOME

## \*HYMN

*Great is the Lord* (TFWS 2022)

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Thom Shuman*

Leader: We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,

**All: knowing, when our spirits have grown weary, God rekindles the gift of faith in us.**

Leader: We gather as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on branches of the tree of life,

**All: knowing that while some may turn against us, God transforms enemies into sisters, brothers, siblings.**

Leader: We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and home,

**All: knowing even when life falls apart, God prepares a feast for us and we can be filled.**

## OPENING PRAYER *adapted from Thom Shuman and Ministry Matters*

**All: We have faith, God, even as we have doubts and struggles. We confess that we sometimes feel lost and alone, struggling to know what to do, how to follow Jesus, how to be your people. We have struggles, failures, and ways we turn away from God that are new and fresh, and some that are as old as we can remember.**

**Leader:** God's grace has been ours since before time began. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arranged by Virgil Thomson  
UMCA Chancel Choir

## KIDS MESSAGE

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

## A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

### \*HYMN

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (UMH 127 v 1 & 3)

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSVUE)

### MESSAGE

**“Same”**

Pastor Karen Evenson

### OFFERING

*The Prayer of St. Francis* by Rene Clausen  
UMCA Chancel Choir

### \*DOXOLOGY

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

### PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

God, hear our prayers: With weepers we weep. With warriors we yearn for peace. With exiles we wander far from home, and our hearts sometimes wander far from you. We live in an uncertain world—time and again we turn to people who promise us security. But God, you are our source of safety. Help us turn to you, our heart’s true home. Call us again and lead us home. Author of peace, teach us to seek our peace in you. Source of every blessing, forgive us for the multitude of our transgressions. Rekindle a spirit of love and self-discipline within us, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

### 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

*Great is Thy Faithfulness* (UMH 140)

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude on Italian Hymn* by Edward Boughton



## **Worship Hospitality Team**

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu

Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Bob Quist

Deaconess ~ Kim Harris

Greeters ~ Linda Fruland and Sheila Benson

Music Ensembles ~ Kathy Chojnacki

Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Brianna Bunting

Organist ~ Joan Olson

Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson

Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye

Scripture Reader ~ Marna McComb

Ushers ~ Babs Brown, David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Joyce Buffington, and Mark Worst

Welcome Center ~ Colleen Capuzzi

Worship Tech ~ Jake Berg

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**October 1, 2023**

### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture: Matthew 21:23-32

**“What Do You Think?”**

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 26, 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!*

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 4:30pm C.L.A.S.S. at Second Harvest Heartland  
6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
6:30pm Youth Group and Confirmation  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 28, 2023 8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square  
9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom

Friday, September 29, 2023 9:00am Women's Breakfast at Bakers Square

Sunday, October 1, 2023 **SUNDAY SERVICE**  
9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)

\*Please contact the office if you have questions  
or to get connected to any of the Groups or Zoom meetings\*

# 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.



### Biawailla-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.