



UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF ANOKA

*Providing Hope to Our Community*

# Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## PRELUDE

*Let All Things Now Living* by John Beneke

## WELCOME

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God, we delight in your creation. We thank you for all of your creation and changing seasons that remind us of your presence and provision.

**All: Rejoice in the Lord always; again we say, Rejoice!**

Leader: God, we delight in our connectedness. We thank you for friends who check in, for people who lift one another up, for neighbors who show up in both good and challenging times.

**All: Rejoice in the Lord always; again we say, Rejoice!**

Leader: God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us. We pray for your peace to envelope the world. We give thanks for help in times of trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain, and acts of kindness during seasons of struggle.

**All: Rejoice in the Lord always; again we say, Rejoice!**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and rejoicing!

**All: Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN**

*Take My Life and Let it Be* (UMH 399)

## OPENING PRAYER

**Faithful God, we confess that we do not always give attention to the things that are of you. We listen to rumors and gossip instead of what is true and honorable. We don't always work to bring about justice for all. We don't always train our hearts on what is pure and pleasing to you. In our words and our actions, we sometimes stray from things that are commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise. We don't always attend to all we have received and learned about your good news.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us to live as your grateful people. Amen.**

**KIDS MESSAGE**

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest* setting by Healy Willan  
Chancel Choir - Conductor Tom Fischer

**A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY**

**Jim Boyke**

**\*HYMN**

*Bless Thou the Gifts* (UMH 587)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSVUE)

**MESSAGE**

**“What Will I Do with What I’ve Been Given?”**  
Pastor Karen Evenson

**OFFERING**

*Here I Am, Lord* by Daniel L. Schutte  
Chancel Choir - Conductor George Chu

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

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

**\*HYMN**

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (UMH 92, v 1 & 4)

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go to celebrate the God who is our home forever.

**All: God’s love goes with us!**

Leader: Go to follow Christ’s example in loving God, self, and neighbor.

**All: God’s love goes with us!**

Leader: Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love.

**All: Let’s bring the light of God’s love into the world! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Song of Triumph* by James Denton

## Worship Hospitality Team

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu  
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Jim and Liz Balabon  
Deaconess ~ Kim Harris  
Greeters ~ Don and Lavonne Erickson  
Music Ensembles ~ Kathy Chojnacki  
Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Elaine Collison  
Organist ~ Joan Olson  
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson  
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye  
Scripture Reader ~ John Lloyd  
Ushers ~ Carrol Rahm, Don Menter, David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, and Joyce Buffington  
Welcome Center ~ Chuck and Sandy Burnham  
Worship Tech ~ Jake Berg

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## November 26, 2023 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46  
“**Seriously, What Will You Do?**”  
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, November 21, 2023    4:30pm Servant Leadership Board Meeting ~ All are Welcome!  
7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursday, November 23, 2023    Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 26, 2023    **SUNDAY SERVICE**  
9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)  
9:45am Sunday School

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



# NOVEMBER

## Ministries of the Month:



**Send a smile this holiday season.**

**New Toys for Children  
of all ages up to the age of 18.  
Please bring the toys  
to the Community Room.**

**Cash and Check donations  
are also Welcome.**



## **A Homeless Shelter, And So Much More**

Whether shelter is needed for a few nights or a few months, all Stepping Stone residents are treated with dignity and respect and have their basic needs met. This means a bed and linens to call their own, three meals per day, showers, laundry facilities, and even clothing and toiletries when needed.

### **But that's not all.**

Through our first-of-its-kind programs and services, we work with each resident one-on-one to identify the cause of their homelessness — for example, lack of education, unemployment or under employment, need for affordable housing, making positive personal choices — and help them develop a personalized plan to move toward self-sufficiency. Working with a case manager, each resident completes an Individual Goal Plan (IGP) that identifies their ultimate goal and breaks it down into attainable steps to reach that goal. We're meeting residents' needs while they call Stepping Stone "home," and more important, we're helping them take steps to establish a home of their own. they call Stepping Stone "home," and more important, we're helping them take steps to establish a home of their own.