



UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF ANOKA  
*Providing Hope to Our Community*

## Welcome to Worship

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

**PRELUDE**

*Be Thou My Vision* arr. by Paul Manz

**WELCOME**

Pastor Karen Evenson

**\*HYMN**

*I Need Thee Every Hour* (UMH 397, v 1 & 5)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine!

**Response: We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.**

Leader: We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

**Response: We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.**

Leader: When we're attached to the Vine, and the Vine to us, we bear the fruit of Love!

**Response: We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.**

Leader: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

**Response: We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Fill us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** *(based on John 15)*

Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us. Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name and it will be granted. In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!

**Response: In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!**

**\*HYMN** *Every Morning is Easter Morning, From Now On*

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *A Psalm by Andy Beck  
Women of the Choir*

**A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY**

**\*HYMN** *Lord, Be Glorified (TFWS 2150)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** **John 15:1-8 (NRSVUE)**

**MESSAGE** **“Fruit Salad”**  
Pastor Karen Evenson

**OFFERING** *Sanctus by Michael John Trotta  
(Translation - Holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and Earth are full of your glory)  
Women of the Choir*

**\*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** *Sent Forth By God’s Blessing (UMH 664)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Rondo Gioioso by J.W. Hassler*

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**May 5, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Worship and Communion**  
**John 15:9-17**  
**“Nobody Asks to be Born”**  
Message by Pastor Kevin Schill



## **Worship Hospitality Team**

Certified Lay Minister ~ John Lloyd

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu

Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Liz and Jim Balabon

Deaconess ~ Kim Harris

Discipleship Coordinator ~ Adam Breiner

Greeters ~ Don and Lavonne Erickson

Music Ensembles ~ Kathy Chojnacki

Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Brianna Bunting

Organist ~ Marilyn Tice

Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson

Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye

Scripture Reader ~ Bill Ekstrum

Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Barb Boekhoff and Adam Breiner

Ushers ~ Larry Gronewold, David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, John Lloyd, and Mark Worst

Welcome Center ~ Colleen Capuzzi

Worship Tech ~ Dallas Berry

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## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

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

Or by appointment, please contact us at:

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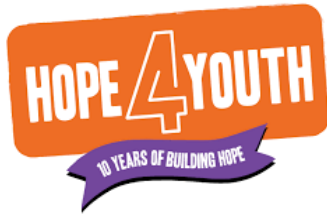
Sunday, April 28, 2024	1:00pm-3:00pm Donations Accepted for Rummage Sale
Monday, April 29, 2024	9:00am-6:00pm Donations Accepted for Rummage Sale
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	9:00am-6:00pm Donations Accepted for Rummage Sale
Wednesday, May 1, 2024	10:00am Men's Breakfast at Barrel House Cafe 10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry 3:00pm-7:00pm Rummage Sale 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 2, 2024	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:00am-6:00pm Rummage Sale 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Friday, May 3, 2024	9:00am-6:00pm Rummage Sale
Sunday, May 5, 2024	<b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b> 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online) 9:45am Sunday School

# APRIL Ministry Highlights

## Community Ministries: Family Promise and HOPE 4 Youth



The mission of Family Promise in Anoka County is empowering families experiencing housing insecurity to build a foundation of lasting independence.



The mission of HOPE 4 Youth is to provide pathways to end youth homelessness.

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### WORSHIP NOTES:

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