



Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent: Lighting the Candle of Hope

Advent Words: *You Are a Blessing*

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

PRELUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. by David N. Johnson

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

"HOPE"

Sue Smith and Winnie Sitko

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God says, **All: "Do not be afraid."**

Leader: God says, **All: "I have called you by name."**

Leader: God says, **All: "I will be with you."**

Leader: God says, **All: "You are precious and honored in my sight."**

Leader: At the beginning of this season, at the start of this week,

All: May we wrap ourselves in these words.

Leader: May we begin again.

All: Let us worship our Holy God!

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (UMH 196)

KIDS MESSAGE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, Listen to Your Children by Ken Medema/arr. Schrader
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 1:26-38 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

“You Are a Blessing”

Pastor Karen Evenson

COMMUNION HYMN

Tune of “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

*Holy, Holy, God of might,
fill Creation with your light.
God of mystery, God above,
send in flesh your Word of love.
Call us to your table, Lord,
shaped and offered by your Word.
Blessed is the Coming One,
Christ, Emmanuel, your Son!
All our gifts to you we bring!
Endless praise to you we sing!*

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING OF THE BREAD & CUP

OFFERING DURING COMMUNION

Magnificat by John Ferguson
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Nourishing God, Sometimes we tell ourselves that too much has taken place to begin again. We think the world is too far gone. We think we have made too many mistakes. We tell ourselves that we couldn't possibly begin again. But then we come to this Table and we get a glimpse of *your* kingdom. We come to this Table and all are welcomed, all are seen, all are fed.

And just like that, we have hope. Just like that, we begin again. Thank you for the gift of this fresh start. Thank you for planting hope deep inside us. Thank you for meeting us in ordinary bread and juice to remind us that it's never too late to build your kingdom here.

We are so grateful. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***HYMN**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (UMH 211 v 1, 6, 7)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Ding, Dong Merrily on High Traditional French Carol

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Words: We Can't Go Alone

Ruth 1 | Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

"We Can't Go Alone"

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Message by Pastor Karen Evenson

Worship Hospitality Team

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu

Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Candy and Dave Gislason

Communion Servers ~ Angela and Dave Panter, Don Menter,

Laurie and Rosalie Huston, and Tom Collison

Communion Steward ~ Jim January

Deaconess ~ Kim Harris

Greeters ~ Laurie and Rosalie Huston

Music Ensembles ~ Kathy Chojnacki

Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Sarah Dhein

Organist ~ Marilyn Tice

Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson

Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye

Scripture Reader ~ Joyce Buffington

Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Adam Breiner and Elaine Collison

Ushers ~ David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane and Mark Worst

Welcome Center ~ Sheila Benson

Worship Tech ~ Dallas Berry

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

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

10:00am Knitters Gathering

7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

9:00am Sewing and Quilting Group

10:00am Men's Breakfast at Barrel House Cafe in Coon Rapids

6:30pm Youth Group

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5, 2024

8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square

9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom

Friday, December 6, 2024

4:00-8:00pm Live Nativity

Saturday, December 7, 2024

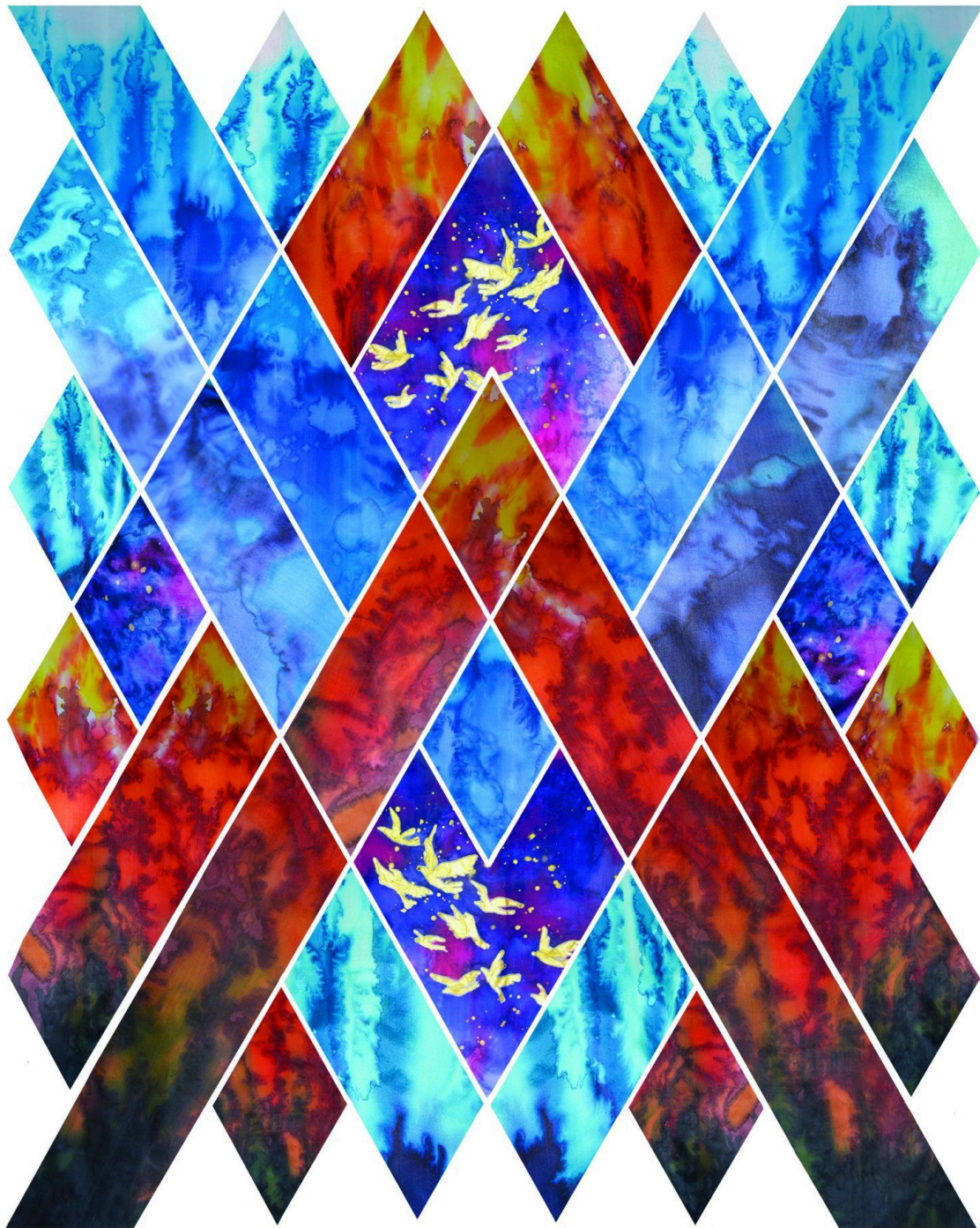
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Sunday, December 8, 2024

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)

9:45am Sunday School



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"When You Pass Through the Waters" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity
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DECEMBER

Ministry Highlight of the Month



**United For The Community:
EASTER "Resurrection & New Life"**

**We will be inviting our neighbors to an Easter
Community Event in April of 2025.**

Easter is April 20, 2025

