



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA

Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany and Communion Sunday

Worship Theme: Being in Relationship

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

PRELUDE

Love of God by Getty/Townend

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

***HYMN**

Gather Us In (TFWS 2236 v 1, 2, 4)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *adapted by K. Evenson from a prayer written by John Van de Laar*

Leader: In a world that can be cynical and despairing, O God,

Response: Gather us in to proclaim your hope.

Leader: In a world that can be violent and angry, O God,

Response: Gather us in to proclaim your peace.

Leader: In a world that can be dismissive and disinterested, O God,

Response: Gather us in to proclaim your compassion.

Leader: In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God,

Response: Gather us in to proclaim your love.

Leader: In a grieving and weeping world, O God,

Response: Gather us in to proclaim your joy!

OPENING PRAYER

May we be so captivated by you, God, that we cannot help but whisper, shout, sing, proclaim and enact the message of your reign which is always coming into the world; As we gather together today, may our lives bring the light of your hope and be channels of your restoring grace, peace, compassion, love, and joy wherever we are and wherever we may go. Amen.

***HYMN**

This Little Light of Mine (UMH 585)

KIDS MESSAGE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Holly and the Ivy arr. by Shaw/Parker
UMCA Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

“There Has to Be Love”
Pastor Karen Evenson

***COMMUNION HYMN**

One Bread, One Body (UMH 620 v 1)

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our Creator. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God, creator of heaven and earth.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD & CUP

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

OFFERING DURING COMMUNION

Mary, Did You Know?
by Lowry and Greene arr. By Schrader
UMCA Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, following your light, giving ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN**

Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here (UMH 647 v 1, 3)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

O Church, Arise by Getty/Townend

February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Luke 5:1-11
“It IS Possible”
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, Candy and Dave Gislason,
and Don and Lavonne Erickson
Communion Steward ~ Jim January
Deaconess ~ Kim Harris
Greeters ~ Don and Lavonne Erickson
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 ~ Dave Panter
Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Adam Breiner and Jocelyn Tanner
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, February 4, 2025	10:00am Knitters Gathering
Wednesday, February 5, 2025	9:00am Sewing & Quilting Group 10:00am Men's Breakfast at Barrel House Cafe 10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry 6:30pm Youth Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 6, 2025	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Sunday, February 9, 2025	SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online) 9:45am Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation Session

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

FEBRUARY Ministry Highlight

Minnesota FoodShare 2025

March 1 - April 6



ACBC provides emergency food, clothing, and resources to Anoka County residents in need while maintaining the dignity of those we serve.

Ways to help ACBC:

- **Donate grocery and/or clothing items**
- **Donate cash and checks**
- **Volunteer your time - Contact ACBC at 763-422-0046**

The Pack the Pews Event will be on Sunday, March 9th.

FOOD & PRODUCT DONATION WISHLIST

- Canned Tuna/Chicken
- Cereal
- Pasta & Rice (Whole Grains)
- Peanut Butter
- Baking Items (Flour, Sugar, Oil)
- Condiments
- Herbs & Spices
- Shampoo
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Products
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Body Soap
- Baby Food/Infant Formula
- Diapers (Size 5 & 6)
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap