



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

Worship Theme: Being in Relationship

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

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love arr. by Tedd Smith
(piano duet) Marilyn Tice and Lisa Hamilton

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

*HYMN

Lord, Be Glorified (TFWS 2150)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God's love, affirmation of God's call, and covered in God's grace...

All: We know God is here. May God be glorified in our lives.

Leader: When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word...

All: We know God is here. May God be glorified in our lives.

Leader: When you are troubled and uncertain as the ground under you or all around you shifts like sand...

All: We know God is here. May God be glorified in our lives.

Leader: When you feel brave enough to act, or are inspired to speak...

All: We know God is here. May God be glorified in our lives.

Leader: In all the seasons of our lives, God is with us and does not forsake us.

All: We come to worship and are reminded that we are beckoned to be near to God, whose ever-present love is faithful near no matter where our journey takes us. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

God, you are our refuge. You are the shore in sight. You are hands that reach out; you are the ground on which to rest. God, you are our strength. You are the life we long for; you are the refusal to give up, you are the keys of home we carry with us. God, you are our help in times of trouble. We call on you from the ruins and the rubble. We call on you from the wilderness and the deep. We call on you to meet us in this place! Amen.

(Adapted from Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World (2020); written by Cláudio Carvalhaes; Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020)

KIDS MESSAGE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Know My Redeemer Lives by Nicole C. Mullen
Kelvin Paye and Precious Lackay; UMCA Praise Team

A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

***HYMN**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (UMH 269)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

“Tempting...”
Pastor Karen Evenson

OFFERING

You Raise Me Up by Rolf Lovland and written by Brendan Graham
Kelvin Paye and Precious Lackay; UMCA Praise Team

***LENTEN DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, Throughout These Forty Days

**PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD’S PRAYER**

***MUSICAL BENEDICTION**

Aaron’s Blessing

Call and Response; text based on Numbers 6:24-26

(music and arrangement by Fernando Ortega; used in worship by permission from the artist)

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
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***PASTORAL BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

Rigaudon by Henry Purcell

**March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent**

**Luke 13:31-35
“It’s Up to You.”**

Message by Pastor Karen Evenson



WORSHIP NOTES:

Worship Hospitality Team

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Scott Evenson
Deaconess ~ Kim Harris
Greeters ~ Elaine and Tom Collison
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 ~ Elaine Collison
Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Meredith Berry and Jocelyn Tanner
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane, and Mark Worst
Welcome Center ~ Bev and Dean Summerbell
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, March 11, 2025

7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry

5:30pm Community Dinner

6:15pm Lenten Wednesday Service

6:45pm Youth Group

6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:45pm "The Third Day" Book Class

Thursday, March 13, 2025

8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square

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

Sunday, March 16, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICE

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

9:45am Sunday School

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MARCH Ministry Highlight



Vacation Bible School (VBS)



All Aboard! VBS 2025 is full steam ahead for this July! As a United for the Community event, VBS brings children from the community together in a positive and safe space for an affirming and uplifting spiritual experience.

YOU make a big impact on how engaging *All Aboard! VBS* will be for the children! By generous *donations* to United for the Community, events like VBS provide children with a rich faith experience that will include arts and crafts, set designs, music, activities and take-home materials. By *volunteering* during VBS, you provide cheerfulness, positive energy and the loving spirit of Christ for children and families to encounter.

Be a part of All Aboard! VBS this summer. Donate now! Plan to volunteer!
And thank you!!!

A Lenten Doxology

Praise God through-out these for - ty days. Praise

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The treble staff contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir- it who im -

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same rhythmic and harmonic structure.

parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece with a final cadence. The melody ends with a half note, and the accompaniment features a final chord.

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MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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