



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA

Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, April 27, 2025

HE IS RISEN!

“Knock, Knock...Who’s There?”

Holy Humor Sunday

Worship Theme: Being in Relationship

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

PRELUDE

Heaven Came Down by John W. Peterson

WELCOME

Pastor: Christ is risen!

Pastor Karen Evenson

Response: Christ is risen, indeed!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Joy is loose,

Leader: In the whispers of the youth,

Leader: We praise God for this glorious day,

All: Let our praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

Leader: Let joy and praise fill our hearts and in our songs

All: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people and every morning can be Easter morning, from now on, when we recognize Jesus in each and every joyful moment!

All: In the wiggles of the children,

All: In the smiles of the adults.

*HYMN

Ev'ry Morning is Easter Morning, From Now On! by Avery and Marsh

CELEBRATIONS AND BLESSINGS FOR KIM HARRIS

KIDS MESSAGE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Coffee, Coffee, Coffee by Rev. Christopher Raible

PASTORAL PRAYER

MOMENTS TO SHARE THE STORY

Neil Eerdmans and Friends

Do you have a funny faith story or joke to tell? Now might be the time...

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 20:19-23 (CEB)

John 20:23-29 (CEB)

John 20:30-31 (CEB)

MESSAGE

“Knock, Knock, Who’s There?!” in Three Parts

Pastor Karen Evenson and Friends

OFFERING

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (UMH #89 v 1-3)

***DOXOLOGY**

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

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**

Lord of the Dance (UMH 261 v 1,4,5)

***CLOSING PRAYER**

O Great Laughing God, we came into your presence today with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth. May we find that in giving ourselves up to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Family of God by William J. and Gloria Gaither

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

John 21:1-19 CEB (Common English Bible)

“Come, Have Breakfast” or, “I’m Going Fishing...”

Message by Pastor Karen Evenson

WORSHIP NOTES:



Worship Hospitality Team

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu

Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Jane Freeburg and Scott Evenson

Deaconess ~ Kim Harris

Greeters ~ Harry and Judy Argetsinger

Music Ensembles ~ Kathy Chojnacki

Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Sarah Dhein and Babs Brown

Organist ~ Marilyn Tice

Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson

Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye

Scripture Reader ~ Dale Brown

Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Meredith Berry and Will Hamilton

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

Welcome Center ~ Adam Breiner

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

Wednesday, April 30, 2025	10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry 3:00pm-7:00pm Rummage Sale 6:30pm Youth Group and Confirmation 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 1, 2025	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:00am-6:00pm Rummage Sale
Friday, May 2, 2025	9:00am-6:00pm Rummage Sale 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Saturday, May 3, 2025	8:00am-Noon Church Spring Cleanup Day 9:00am-Noon Rummage Sale Cleanup Day
Sunday, May 4, 2025	SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online) 9:45am Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation Session

Please contact the office to get connected to any of the Groups or Zoom meetings*

APRIL Ministry Highlights

Community Ministries:

**Alexandra House, Emma Norton,
Family Promise and HOPE 4 Youth**



The mission of Alexandra House is to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence, and inspire social change through education, support, and advocacy.

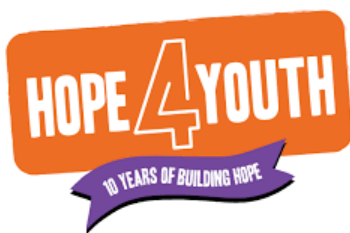


Emma Norton

The mission of Emma Norton is to provide transformational housing and growth for women and families on their journey of recovery.



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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the church, to donate or view our weekly bulletin:**



Holy Humor Sunday

G.K. Chesterton once wrote: "Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly. Never forget that the devil fell by force of gravity. He who has the faith has the fun."

The Bible has many references to laughter and parties and fun. Some examples:

"A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."

(Proverbs 17:22 ESV)

"A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

(Ecclesiastes 3:4 ESV)

"A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed"

(Proverbs 15:13 ESV).

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh"

(Luke 6:21 ESV).

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4 ESV)

"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation."

(Habakkuk 3:18 ESV)

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."

(Romans 12:15 ESV)

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

(Psalm 118:24 ESV)

"Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!" (Psalm 32:11 ESV)

When God tells Abraham and Sarah they are going to have a son at their age:

"Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, 'Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?'" (Genesis 17:17)

"So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?'" (Genesis 18:12)

"And Sarah said, 'God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.'" (Genesis 21:6)

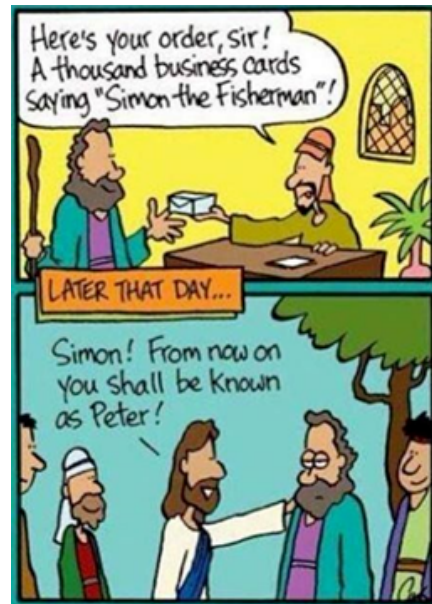
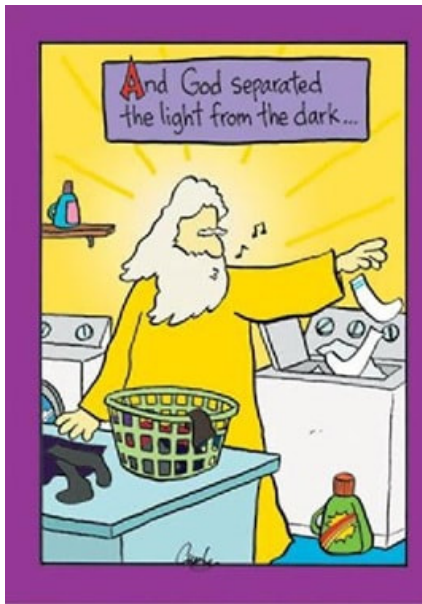
"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." - Charles M. Schulz



Jesus Saves



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COFFEE, COFFEE, COFFEE

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*Coffee, coffee, coffee, praise the strength of coffee.
Early in the morn' we rise, with thoughts of only thee.
Served fresh or reheated, dark by thee defeated,
Brewed black by perk or drip or instantly.*

*Though all else we scoff we, come to church for coffee;
If we're late to congregate, we come in time for thee.
Coffee our one ritual, drinking it habitual,
Brewed black by perk or drip or instantly.*

*Coffee the communion of our Holy-Union,
Symbol of our sacred ground, our one necessity .
Feel the holy power at our coffee hour,
Brewed black by perk or drip or instantly.*

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present."

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People in the Bible struggled with the same challenges we face today. Here we see Samson trying to give his cat a pill...

