



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA

Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MUSIC SUNDAY

Worship Theme: Being in Relationship

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

PRELUDE

As Torrents in Summer by Edward Elgar

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

***OPENING HYMN**

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

City Called Heaven arranged by Josephine Poelinitz
Chancel Choir; Lisa Hamilton, soloist

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Here we are, God...

All: We have heard your commandments.

Leader: Love one another.

All: Love all of creation and neighbor as self.

Leader: We are ready to bring about a new creation!

All: We are ready!

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God of all, we come here today, gathered and ready to follow your ways. We are ready for you to do amazing things in and through our willingness to serve and love. In the melody of your song, we will be in harmony with you. Be with us in each measure and in every note as we sing and play together to bring about a whole new world. Amen.

KIDS MESSAGE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Goin' Up by Glenda E. Franklin
Women's Ensemble

BLESSINGS AND THANKS FOR KATHY CHOJNACKI

(retiring as Bell Choir Director)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

SPECIAL MUSIC

King of Glory by Cece Winans
Kelvin Paye Precious Lackay, and Steve Moen; UMCA Praise Team

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

“A Whole New World!”
Pastor Karen Evenson

OFFERTORY

Laudate by Jason W. Krug
Jubilee Bells

*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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho arranged by Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

*CLOSING HYMN

This is a Day of New Beginnings (UMH 383)

*BENEDICTION

More Love by Mark Miller
Women’s Ensemble

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Major by J.S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES:

May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Easter

John 14:23-29

“Come, Holy Spirit, Come”

Message by Candy Gislason, Lay Member



Altar Flowers are in Memory of Carol Moen's Mother Laura Hutchinson

Worship Hospitality Team

Certified Lay Minister ~ John Lloyd

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu

Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Jim and Liz Balabon

Congregational Care Coordinator ~ *To be prayerfully determined*

Discipleship Coordinator ~ Adam Breiner

Greeters ~ Bev Summerbell and Sheila Benson

Liturgist for Today's Worship Service ~ Kelvin Paye

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 ~ Darby Burton

Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Elaine Collison and Candy Gislason

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

Welcome Center ~ Priscilla Speakman and Sandy Burnham

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:

Phone: 763-421-2378 | Email: umcanoka@gmail.com

Monday, May 19, 2025	6:00pm Grief Group
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	4:30pm Servant Leadership Board Meeting ~ All are Welcome! 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 21, 2025	10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry 6:00pm Youth Group
Thursday, May 22, 2025	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Saturday, May 24, 2025	10:30am Puzzle-Palooza
Sunday, May 25, 2025	SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online) 9:45am Sunday School

May Ministry Highlight



Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a **Love Offering** for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference.

The theme of the 2025 Annual Conference—which will take place June 11-13—is “Created for Love.”

Our Love Offering theme this year is “**Love in Action.**” Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as we put love into action.

This year’s Love Offering will go to:

- Africa University for student scholarships (30%)
- Immigration Law and Justice Network (30%)
- OC Ministries (20%)
- Midwest Mission (20%)

We will also collect supplies and kits for Midwest Mission and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).