



UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF ANOKA  
*Providing Hope to Our Community*

# Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Theme: Building Community

Baptism and Membership Sunday

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

## PRELUDE

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You* setting by Paul Manz

## WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

**All: God calls when we wander from The Way.**

Leader: God calls when we love and care for others.

**All: God calls when we waste the gifts we have been given.**

Leader: God calls and welcomes us back to worship and back into community, no matter what.

**All: Let's worship God together, knowing that the Good Shepherd will care for each and every one who is gathered, and will search for all who are lost in any way.**

## \*HYMN

*Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord* (TFWS 2131)

## JOINING OF NEW MEMBERS & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

## KIDS MESSAGE

*(Kids of all ages are invited to come up front for a kid-friendly message)*

## \*HYMN

*It's Me, It's Me O, Lord* (UMH 352)

## MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

Roxy Crane

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER

This world might deny you, Lord, when we rely only on human wisdom in our search for answers to questions we have (or have yet to ask), but we will try to be humble and listen for you, praise you, and exalt your name, knowing that you are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end, and you are all that is between.

**We have known your healing. We have known your provision. We have known your victory. Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy. We will work to humble ourselves and praise you, knowing you always have us in your sight. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*When the Poor Ones (Cuandro el Pobre) (UMH 434)*  
Refrain led by Pastor Karen

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 15:1-10 (NRSVUE)**

**MESSAGE**

***“Every One Matters”***  
*Pastor Karen Evenson*

**OFFERING**

*Be Thou My Vision* setting by Paul Manz  
Marilyn Tice, Worship Accompanist

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Bless Thou the Gifts (UMH 587)*

**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**

*For the Healing of the Nations (UMH 428, v 1)*

**PASSING PEACE TO ALL OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

*From one to another, “May God’s peace be with you (and also with you).”*

**\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust* by J.C. Bach

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**September 21, 2025**  
**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Luke 16:1-13**  
**“Wisdom and Grace”**  
**Pastor Karen Evenson, Preaching**

**Ten Talents** baskets will be passed during worship, so start planning what you might do for a Ten Talents project this year! More information is available at the Welcome Desk.



## **Worship Hospitality Team**

Building Opener and Closer ~ Adam Breiner and Dave Peterson  
Choral Conductor ~ George Chu  
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Margaret Ekstrum and Michelle Schweich  
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland  
Greeters ~ Candy and Dave Gislason  
Music Ensembles ~ *To be prayerfully determined*  
Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Sarah Dhein  
Organist ~ Marilyn Tice  
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson  
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye  
Scripture Reader ~ Dave Gislason  
Sunday School Leader and Assistant ~ Adam Breiner and Bridgett Ansong  
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Ian Wallin,  
Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane, and Mark Worst  
Welcome Center ~ Bev and Dean Summerbell  
Worship Tech ~ Dallas Berry

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## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

UMCA Office Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm ~ Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Or by appointment, please contact us at:

Phone: 763-421-2378 | Email: [umcanoka@gmail.com](mailto:umcanoka@gmail.com)

Monday, September 15, 2025	6:00pm Grief Group
Tuesday, September 16, 2025	4:30pm Servant Leadership Board ~ ALL are Welcome 6:30pm BUILD ~ Adult Study
Wednesday, September 17, 2025	9:00am Sewing and Quilting Group 6:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 18, 2025	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Friday, September 19, 2025	10:00am Men's Breakfast at Pappy's Cafe
Sunday, September 21, 2025	<b>SUNDAY SERVICE AND MUSIC SUNDAY</b> 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online) 9:45am Sunday School 10:45 Exploring the Way Study 12:30pm Confirmation

# SEPTEMBER

## World Ministry Highlights



### UMCOR Disaster Response

The mission of the General Board of Global Ministries is to equip and transform people and places for God's mission around the world. Our four mission goals are:

Make disciples of Jesus Christ; Strengthen, develop, and renew Christian congregations and communities; Alleviate human suffering; Seek justice, freedom, and peace.



### Baiwalla-Operation Classroom, Operation Cut & Sew, Operation Clean Water, and many more

Soon after its inception, OC Ministries quickly learned it needed to do more than just build classrooms. Communities they served had additional needs. In 1998 OC Classroom: MN decided to change its name to OC Ministries to expand its mission effort. It now included Classrooms, Curriculum, Clinics, Churches, Crop, Clear Vision, Clean Water, Cut & Sew and, of course, Connection.

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## WORSHIP NOTES:

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