



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA
Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Theme: Building Community

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

PRELUDE

People Need The Lord by G. Nelson and P. McHugh

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Jeremiah 8 and Luke 16)*

Leader: When we are lost, or are wandering (for know that not all who wander are “lost,”

All: We know God is with us and will come find us wherever we are, so we’re not alone.

Leader: When our joy is gone; grief is upon us; or our hearts are sick in one of many ways,

All: We know that you will help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name!

Leader: We have come to worship you, God and bring praise and honor in many ways.

All: Lord, deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

***HYMN**

There is a Balm in Gilead (UMH 375)

OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from re:Worship, 2013)*

Loving and Gracious God—Holy one of Israel—tender one to all who call upon you with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with your presence this day.

Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways; inspire those who seek your wisdom; energize those who are exhausted; comfort those who grieve;

strengthen those who are weak. Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come.

We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

KIDS MESSAGE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

This is the Day by Les Garratt
UMCA Chancel Choir

MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN

I Surrender All (UMH 354 v 1,2,4)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:1-13 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

“Wisdom and Grace”

Pastor Karen Evenson

OFFERING

Clap Your Hands by Jimmy Owens
UMCA Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Bless Thou the Gifts (UMH 587)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

A REVERSE OFFERING

*HYMN

Lord, Be Glorified (TFWS 2150)

PASSING PEACE TO ALL OF GOD’S PEOPLE

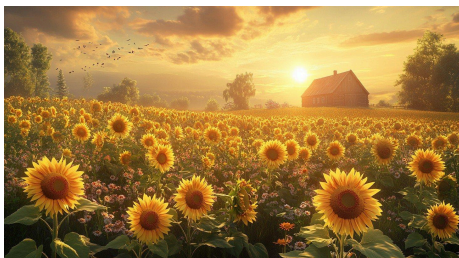
From one to another, “May God’s peace be with you (and also with you).”

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postludium by Gordon Young

September 28, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Luke 16:19-31
“What’s Really Important?”
Message by Pastor Karen Evenson



Altar flowers are from Betty Urban's family in memory of her 98th birthday which would have been on September 25th.



Donuts are sponsored by Ray and Carol Turnquist for the 6th anniversary of their son Bryan’s passing.



Worship Hospitality Team

Building Opener and Closer ~ Adam Breiner and Dave Panter
Choral Conductor ~ George Chu
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Jim and Liz Balabon
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland
Greeters ~ Dan and Marsha Zeller
Liturgist ~ Dave Panter
Music Ensembles ~ *To be prayerfully determined*
Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Sarah Dhein and Elaine Collison
Organist ~ Marilyn Tice
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye
Scripture Reader ~ Bridgett Ansong
Sunday School Leader and Assistant ~ Heidi Moen and Greg Veum
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Ian Wallin,
Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane, and Mark Worst
Welcome Center ~ Bev and Dean Summerbell
Worship Tech ~ Dallas Berry

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

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

6:30pm BUILD ~ Adult Study
7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

6:00pm Youth Group
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25, 2025

8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square
9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom

Friday, September 26, 2025

9:00am Women's Breakfast at Bakers Square

Saturday, September 27, 2025

10:30am Puzzle-Palooza

Sunday, September 28, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICE AND MUSIC SUNDAY

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

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Exploring the Way Study

10:45am Ann Carlson (Baiwalla Ministries)

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.

WORSHIP NOTES:

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