



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA
Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Theme: Building Community

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

PRELUDE

Prayer of Thanksgiving arr. by T. Smith and D. Hustad

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, adapted; Unfoldinglight.org*)

In thanksgiving we gather to praise you, O God!

For all of your abundant blessings we thank you, O God.

For the love of Christ, who reveals your presence to us, we praise you.

For your grace and your love, and for the reign of Christ, we thank you, O God.

For your call to serve you, your cry for mercy and justice that raises us to action, we thank you.

In the power of your Spirit alive in us, shining with your light, we worship you.

*HYMN

Give Thanks (TFWS 2036)

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you have set Christ to rule over all the earth. He reigns with mercy and grace. Under his glorious and gentle rule, help us as we hear your scriptures read and good news proclaimed, to listen with humble hearts and to devote our lives to your service. We pray in the name of Christ, our sovereign. Amen.

KIDS MESSAGE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Redeemer Lives by Nicole C. Mullen

Kelvin Paye, Precious Lackay, and Steve Moen, UMCA Praise Team

MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN**

Of the Father's Love Begotten (UMH 184)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:33-43 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

"Where Christ's Reign Meets Us"
Pastor Sam Kautz, Guest Preacher

OFFERING

Who Am I by Casting Crowns
Kelvin Paye, Precious Lackay, and Steve Moen, UMCA Praise Team

***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**

We Will Glorify the King of Kings (TFWS 2087)

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

Recessional on "St. Anne" arr. by Gordon Young
(O God, Our Help in Ages Past)

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5
"Vigilant Hope"
Message by Pastor Karen Evenson

WORSHIP NOTES:



Worship Hospitality Team

Building Opener and Closer ~ Adam Breiner and Dave Panter
Choral Conductor ~ George Chu
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Bridgett Ansong and Michelle Schweich
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland
Greeters ~ Lisa and Will Hamilton
Liturgist ~ Don Menter
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 ~ Nancy Jo Mattson
Sunday School Leader and Assistant ~ Meredith Berry and Julie Weber
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Ian Wallin,
Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane, and Mark Worst
Welcome Center ~ Colleen Capuzzi
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, November 25, 2025

6:30pm BUILD ~ Adult Study

1:00pm Card Games in the Community Room

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Happy Thanksgiving to You and Your Family!

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 28, 2025

9:00am Women's Breakfast at Bakers Square

Sunday, November 30, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICE AND MUSIC SUNDAY

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

9:45am Sunday School

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

November Ministry Highlight:



Welcome to Mujila Falls!

Here at UMCA, we have been partnering with the Mujila Falls Agriculture Center for almost two decades! Over the years, we have been amazed and inspired at the work being done in this remote part of Zambia. The farm has grown from a dream to a plan, to a working farm that not only provides resources, but services as a place for training, teaching, and research.

Here's how you can help in 2025:

**Make a donation by writing a check to UMCA
and marking it as "Mujila Falls" in the memo line.**

**Support the farm and give a loving gift to a friend, family member,
or coworker (perhaps for a birthday, anniversary, or other celebration!)
by "purchasing" animals or supplies for the farm!**

Please fill out the form in the Narthex to participate in this opportunity.

WORSHIP NOTES:

**Scan QR Code to connect to our website for more information on
the church, to donate, or view our weekly bulletin:**

