



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA
Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!
Sunday, January 11, 2026
First Sunday after the Epiphany
Baptism of Jesus
Joining Sunday for Baptism and New Members
Worship Theme: Building Community

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

PRELUDE

Kum Bah Yah (African American Spiritual)

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

***HYMN**

We Are Called (TFWS 2172)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, live in the light of God's love!

All: We are called to worship!

Leader: Come, open your heart!

All: We are called to listen to God's Word!

Leader: Come, sing a new song!

All: We are called to be one in God's Spirit!

Leader: Join with me, as we remember the Baptism of Jesus...

Leader: The voice of God calls over the waters:

All: "Beloved, receive the Holy Spirit."

Leader: The Son of God beckons:

All: "Beloved, be born of water and the Spirit."

Leader: The Spirit of God proclaims:

All: "Beloved, be born anew this day."

Leader: The voice of God calls through our baptism.

All: Come! Let's worship and remember the baptism of Jesus, while living into our own!

***HYMN**

Spirit of the Living God (UMH 393)

A CELEBRATION OF BIRTH AND OF RE-BIRTH (BAPTISM)

If you have not yet been baptized and are ready to be, please come forward.

*All who have **already** been baptized will be invited during this time to renew the vows you made or were made for you at the time of your baptism, but please remain seated.*

KIDS MESSAGE

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN

Lord, Be Glorified (TFWS 2150)

A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

“Let It Be So”
Pastor Karen Evenson

OFFERING

The Water is Wide (Traditional Scottish/English Melody)

*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

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry (TFWS 2051)

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

Wade In The Water (African American Spiritual)

January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
John 1:29-42
“Lighting the Way”
Message by Pastor Karen Evenson





Worship Hospitality Team

Building Opener and Closer ~ Adam Breiner and Amanda Harris
Choral Conductor ~ George Chu
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Margaret Ekstrum and Rachel Ridens
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland
Greeters ~ Don and Lavonne Erickson
Liturgist ~ Dale Brown
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 ~ Adam Breiner
Snow Removal and Salting ~ Ian Wallin and Scott Evenson
Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Heidi Moen and Ian Wallin
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Ian Wallin,
Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane, and Mark Worst
Welcome Center ~ Bev and Dean Summerbell
Worship Tech ~ Catey Chastain and Karen Cusey

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, January 13, 2026	1:00pm Card Games in the Community Room 6:30pm BUILD - Adult Study 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 14, 2026	10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry 6:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 15, 2026	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Friday, January 16, 2026	10:00am Men's Breakfast at Pappy's Cafe
Sunday, January 18, 2026	

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)
9:45am Sunday School
12:30pm Confirmation

JANUARY Ministry Highlight:



These funds are used for Emergency Relief to our local community by providing rental assistance, gas cards, food donations, etc...



WORSHIP NOTES:

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