



Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

2026-27 Worship Theme: Building Community

Lenten Theme: *The Work of Imagination*

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

PRELUDE

Panis Angelicus (O Lord Most Holy) by Cesar Franck
Piano/Organ Duet, Lisa Hamilton and Marilyn Tice

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

*HYMN

I Want a Principle Within (UMH 410)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come into God's presence, you who imagine and you who seek, you who disrupt and you who repair.

All: By the Spirit, we gather in hope.

One: Come into God's fellowship, you who are broken and blessed, you who show mercy, as God has first been merciful to you.

All: In Christ, we gather in blessing.

One: Come into God's presence, singing for joy and for justice; bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

All: To God be the glory! We gather to praise!

OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, you bless your people in every age: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Mary, children and those who are vulnerable, all who know poverty, hunger, grief, and hate. May we follow your example in sharing and seeking blessing for others, not hoarding it for ourselves. Let us share your abundant life and love, offered to us and to all through the vulnerability and generosity of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (UMH 277 v 1)

KIDS MESSAGE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prayer of the Children by Kurt Bestor
UMCA Chancel Choir

A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

PASTORAL PRAYER

As we prepare to pray together, begin to notice your breath, which is a sign of God's life-giving Spirit within you. We will hold silence for a moment. As you continue to focus on your breath, you are invited to ponder the following words of prayer:

I am vulnerable, I am blessed.

Pray these words internally in rhythm with your breathing:

On your inhale, the words, "I am vulnerable..."

On your exhale, the words, "...I am blessed."

Let us pray...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN

Lord, Throughout These Forty Days (UMH 269, v 1, 3, 5)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-36 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

"Disruptive Blessings"

Pastor Karen Evenson

*COMMUNION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (UMH 629 Refrain, v 2, Refrain)

HOLY COMMUNION

One: God be with you.

you.

One: Lift up your fears, your hopes, your dreams.

One: Let us give thanks to our generous, imaginative God.

All: We joyfully give our thanks and praise.

All: And also with

All: We lift them up to God.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD & CUP

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

OFFERING DURING COMMUNION

Come Share This Feast of Love by Lloyd Larson

UMCA Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Gracious God, we thank you for these tangible gifts of bread and cup that feed our bodies and nourish our souls. May these blessings of grace be shared, not hoarded.

Though we have been fed today at the table, may we still walk away hungry for justice, working for freedom and fullness for all of your creation. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, Throughout These Forty Days (tune of UMH 95)

"Praise God throughout these forty days, / Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise; / And praise the Spirit who imparts / God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen."

***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**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (UMH 127 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**

Beloved children of God, as you return to the wild wilderness of everyday life, as you encounter every kind of person, cling to the ways of Jesus who helps us imagine a world where love and justice thrive. Go out into the world, working to make that a reality this week. Let's work on it together. Amen!

POSTLUDE

18th Century English Voluntary VII (Spiritoso) arr. by Richard Peek

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**March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent
Matthew 15:21-28
Message: "Holy Confrontation"**

Congregational Care Note:

If you would like a visit, or know of someone that needs a visit or phone call from the Congregational Care Team, please call the office at 763-421-2378 and we will be happy to visit or make a call.

WORSHIP NOTES:

Worship Hospitality Team

Building Opener and Closer ~ Adam Breiner
Choral Conductor ~ George Chu
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Candy and Dave Gislason
Communion Servers ~ Candy and Dave Gislason,
Carol Moen, Chrisana Tripodi, Heidi Moen, and Sue Buckland
Communion Steward ~ Jim January
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland
Greeters ~ Don & Lavonne Erickson
Liturgist ~ Bev Summerbell
Music Ensembles/Bell Choir ~ *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 ~ Bev Summerbell
Snow Removal and Salting ~ Jim Prody
Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Bridgett Ansong and Adam Breiner
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Deb Allen, Gail Sanstad, Ian Wallin,
Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane, and Mark Worst
Welcome Center ~ Sheila Benson
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, March 3, 2026	10:00am Knitters Gathering
Wednesday, March 4, 2026	9:00am Sewing & Quilting 10:00am Men's Breakfast at Burger King 10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry 5:30pm Community Dinner 6:15pm Lenten Wednesday Service 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 5, 2026	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom 7:00pm Capital Appeal Orientation
Friday, March 6, 2026	9:30am Feed My Starving Children UMCA Church Retreat ~ Friday-Sunday
Sunday, March 8, 2026	SUNDAY SERVICE - Daylight Savings Time 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online) 9:45am Sunday School

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



MARCH Ministry Highlight



Vacation Bible School (VBS)



Compassion Camp VBS 2026 is ready for you to "heart" VBS for this July! As a United for the Community event, VBS brings children from the community together in a positive and safe space for an affirming and uplifting spiritual experience.

YOU make a big impact on how engaging *Compassion Camp VBS* will be for the children! By generous *donations* to United for the Community, events like VBS provide children with a rich faith experience that will include arts and crafts, set designs, music, activities and take-home materials.

By *volunteering* during VBS, you provide cheerfulness, positive energy and the loving spirit of Christ for children and families to encounter.

Be a part of *Compassion Camp VBS* this summer.
Donate now! Plan to volunteer! **And thank you!!!**



CAPITAL APPEAL ORIENTATION

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 7PM

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Entire UMCA Staff, Entire (SLB) Servant Leadership Board, All Capital Appeal Co-chairs and all Capital Appeal Team Members.

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE: Much needs to happen in a very short time frame. We want to make sure we are all flying in formation...clear on our goals...united in purpose...seeking God's blessing...and are ready to lead the entire congregation into a faith-stretching, God-honoring journey.

The appeal hasn't officially "launched" yet, but we have a lot of work to do before it does and lots of people need to be involved. If you are willing to be part of a Lighting the Way capital appeal team—such as "Messengers" to call and invite people to worship or make sure everyone has received info sent out, etc., "Arrangements" to help in the kitchen or setting tables or cleaning up before and after events, "Spiritual Life" please connect* with one of the following people:

**Angela and Dave Panter, Capital Appeal Co-Chairs
Dale and Babs Brown, Capital Appeal Advanced Giving Co-Chairs
Candy and Dave Gislason & Bridgett Ansong, Arrangements Team Co-Chairs
Bill Ekstrum and Pastor Karen Evenson, Spiritual Life Team Co-Chairs
Bev Summerbell and Liz Balabon, Messengers Team Co-Chairs
Lisa Hamilton and Nancy Jo Mattson, Worship/Events Team Co-Chairs
*Call the Church Office for contact info, if needed.**

If you are on one or more of the above teams, please come to Orientation!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PLAN TO ATTEND!
ORIENTATION PRECEDED *and* FOLLOWED BY SCRUMPTIOUS REFRESHMENTS**