



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA

Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, April 05, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY: HE IS RISEN!

2026-27 Worship Theme: Building Community

Lenten Theme: *The Work of Imagination*

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

PRELUDE

Celebration by James Mansfield

INTROIT

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth by G.F. Handel
UMCA Chancel Choir, Kristen Rusges, soprano

WELCOME

Pastor: Christ is risen!

Pastor Karen Evenson

Response: Christ is risen, indeed!

*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 day of resurrection, you who have known grief, you who long for new life, you who carry "Alleluias" in your hearts.

All: In Christ, we gather at the empty tomb.

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!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (UMH 302 v 1, 3, 4)
Trumpet, Margaret Ekstrum

PRAYER

All: God of life, you breathe resurrection into our world, and promise that life will triumph over death. On this day of celebration, awaken our spirits to signs of new life and symbols of grace in the world, in our relationships, and in our hearts. Lead us by the witness of Mary Magdalene and the faith that drew her to the garden. With her, let us proclaim, "We have seen Jesus!" Give us the courage and the joy to share this good news in word and in action. We pray this in the name of Christ, who is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

KIDS MESSAGE

(Kids of all ages are invited to join the pastor up front)
Ev'ry Morning is Easter Morning, From Now On! by Avery and Marsh (insert)

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name by Tom Fettke
UMCA Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

There is a special activity for kids today offered during the Message time; after about 20 minutes, they will be shepherded back to the sanctuary for Communion time with their families.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

“Fulfilling Imagination!”
Pastor Karen Evenson

**EASTER COMMUNION HYMN
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

“One Bread, One Body” (UMH 620 v 1)

OFFERING DURING COMMUNION

March Maestoso by Malcolm C. Wilson
Jubilee Bells

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Holy, Imaginative God, may we believe like Mary, leaving from this place today, shouting, “I have seen the Lord.” We see your image reflected in the eyes of all we connected with today. We feel your presence in the gathering of your people. We hear your blessing in the voice of our neighbor. Let us not keep silent, but take all we have seen and heard, and share it with those who long to know your peace. Together we pray,

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hark, I Hear the Harps arranged by Alice Parker
UMCA Chancel Choir

***EASTER CREED AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All: As we greet this Easter day, we celebrate a world bursting into new life. We celebrate hope rising from despair, love conquering fear, and a world where death does not have the final word. Let this resurrection joy begin here as we share the peace of Christ with one another today!

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***HYMN MEDLEY**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices! (UMH 304, v 1)
He Lives! (UMH 310, v 1)
Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (UMH 302, v 1)

***BENEDICTION**

Beloved siblings in Christ, may the good news of the resurrection buoy your spirit today and every day. May you embody love to all you encounter. For love shall usher in the renewal of all things on the wings of joy. Go in peace and gladness. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

POSTLUDE

Chorus (from Oratorio “Judas Maccabaeus”) by G.F. Handel

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April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter
Lighting the Way Mission Fair Sunday
John 20:19-31
"God is Alive: In Every Sense!"
Message by Pastor Karen Evenson
Music: UMCA Praise Team

Worship Hospitality Team
Building Opener and Closer ~ Adam Breiner
Choral Conductor ~ George Chu
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Candy and Dave Gislason
Communion Servers ~ Angela and Dave Panter, Chrisana Tripodi,
Elaine and Tom Collison, and Heidi Moen
Communion Steward ~ Jim January
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland
Greeters ~ Gene, Kristina, and Wade Schultz
Liturgist ~ Arlee Carlson
Jubilee Bells ~ Kathy Chojnacki
Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Katie Hammel
Organist ~ Marilyn Tice
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye
Scripture Reader ~ Bridgett Ansong
Snow Removal and Salting ~ Adam Breiner
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Deb Allen, Gail Sanstad,
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:
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Tuesday, April 7, 2026	10:00am Knitters Gathering 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry 6:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 9, 2026	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Sunday, April 12, 2026	SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00am-11:30am Mission Fair 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)

WORSHIP NOTES:

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APRIL Ministry Highlights



The mission of Alexandra House is to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence, and inspire social change through education, support, and advocacy.



Emma Norton

The mission of Emma Norton is to provide transformational housing and growth for women and families on their journey of recovery.



The mission of Family Promise in Anoka County is empowering families experiencing housing insecurity to build a foundation of lasting independence.



The mission of HOPE 4 Youth is to provide pathways to end youth homelessness.