



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA

Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

2026-27 Worship Theme: Building Community

Lighting the Way Mission Fair Sunday

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

PRELUDE AND PRAISE

Praise and Worship Medley! (sing along!)
UMCA Praise Team

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is the resurrection real? I think I need to see it for myself...

All: When we bring our questions, Christ appears. He says, "Look! and Listen!"

One: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

All: When we bring our certainty, Christ appears. He says, "Blessed are you all!"

One: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in God's story in the world, a story that is still unfolding all around us.

All: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! We are ready to engage all our senses! Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the new life that the resurrected Christ gives to us. A life beyond our doubts, that engages faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in every sense, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.

KIDS' SONG

The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E...Yes, that's the book for me; I stand alone on the Word of God, The B-I-B-L-E.

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

KIDS MESSAGE

(Kids are invited to go to Sunday School after the Kids Message)

BLESSING OF QUILTS

(UMCA Quilters & Sewers, please come forward to help bless quilts and honor Carol Dahl)

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

What a Beautiful Name It Is Hillsong Worship
UMCA Praise Team

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

***HYMN**

He Lives! (UMH 310)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

“God is Alive: In Every Sense!”
Pastor Karen Evenson

OFFERING

Ancient of Days by Ron Kenoly
UMCA Praise Team

PRAYER OF BLESSING OVER THE OFFERING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (UMH 302)

***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

Praise Medley
Kelvin Paye, Piano

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter
Luke 24:13-35
“Do You Recognize Him? (Jesus)”
Message by Pastor Karen Evenson



The plant on the altar is in memory of Roland and Carol Freeburg.

Worship Hospitality Team

Building Opener and Closer ~ Adam Breiner
Choral Conductor ~ George Chu
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Lighting the Way Team
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland
Greeters ~ Belinda and Neil Eerdmans
Liturgist ~ Dale Brown
Music Ensembles/Bell Choir ~ *To be prayerfully determined*
Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Sarah Dhein
Organist ~ Marilyn Tice
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson
Pianist ~ Lisa Hamilton
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye
Scripture Reader ~ Elaine Collison
Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Heidi Moen and Adam Breiner
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Deb Allen, Gail Sanstad,
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

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

9:00am Sewing and Quilting Group
10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry
6:00pm Youth Group

Thursday, April 16, 2026

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square
9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom

Friday, April 17, 2026

10:00am Men's Breakfast at Pappy's Cafe

Sunday, April 19, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICE
9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)
12:30pm Confirmation

WORSHIP NOTES:

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.

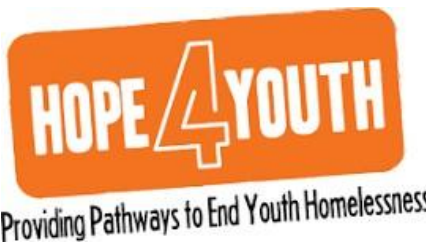


Emma Norton

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.

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