



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA

Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

2026-27 Worship Theme: Building Community

Camp Ministries Sunday

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

PRELUDE

Yes, I Know My Savior Lives by Lani Smith

INTROIT

Panis Angelicus (Bread of Heaven) César Franck
Missy Christie and Emma Harrington, soloists

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025)

One: Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

All: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe from moment to moment.

One: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to be with us, and bring us clarity and hope once again.

All: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

One: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

All: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

One: Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

All: May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we worship! Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

Risen Christ, on the road to Emmaus, you were the disciples' companion. Be at our side, too on the journey of faith on life's pathways. Call on our compassion, so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories. Renew within us the desire to proclaim your Word. May it help us to light the way for all; may our hearts shine so brightly that we bear witness to You in all we say and do. Grant that your Holy Spirit opens our hearts to recognize you. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know you through us and that we may know you through them. 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)

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, Listen to Your Children Ken Medema/arr. Schrader
UMCA Chancel Choir

A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

Camp Ministries

***HYMN**

The Servant Song (TWFS 2222)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

"Do You Recognize Him? (Jesus)"
Pastor Karen Evenson

OFFERING

Old Time Religion Spiritual, arr. Hogan
UMCA Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

We Give Thee but Thine Own (text below)

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***PASSING PEACE TO ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

From one to another, "May God's peace be with you (and also with you)."

***HYMN**

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (TFWS 2223)

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Give To Our God Immortal Praise arr. by Wilbur Held

April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter
John 10:1-10; Acts 2:42-47
"Making a Life Together"
Message by Pastor Karen Evenson
Music: Darby Burton

WORSHIP NOTES:

Worship Hospitality Team

Building Opener and Closer ~ Adam Breiner
Choral Conductor ~ George Chu
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Liz and Jim Balabon
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland
Greeters ~ Elaine and Tom Collison
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
Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Elaine Collison and Greg Veum
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Deb Allen, Gail Sanstad,
Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane, and Mark Worst
Welcome Center ~ Priscilla Speakman and Sandy Burnham
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

Monday, April 20, 2026	6:00pm Grief Group
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	4:30pm Servant Leadership Board Meeting - ALL are Welcome 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 22, 2026	10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry 6:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 23, 2026	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Friday, April 24, 2026	9:00am Women's Breakfast
Sunday, April 26, 2026	EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)

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.

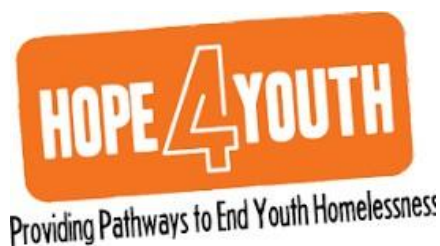


Emma Norton

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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