



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA
Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

2026-27 Worship Theme: Building Community

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

PRELUDE

A Gothic Prelude by Gordon Young

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 100; adapted by Rev. K. Evenson)*

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

One: Come into his presence with singing.

One: It is God who made us.

One: We are God's people and the sheep of his pasture.

One: We are invited to enter his gates with thanksgiving,

One: Give thanks to him; bless his name.

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Serve the LORD with gladness!

All: Know that the LORD is God.

All: We belong to God.

All: Yes!

All: and his courts with praise!

All: For the LORD is good;

All: God's faithfulness is for all generations!

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we face darkness and death, you journey beside us. When we are fearful, you feed us at your table. May we care for others; may we invite your healing and loving presence into every space; may we bring peace and alleviate fears. May we journey with others. May we dwell in your house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives and welcome all who come to do the same! 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 Sunday School or return to their seats afterward.)

*HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations (UMH 428 v 1, 2, 4)

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Still Waters (Psalm 23) by Leanna Crawford
Darby Burton

A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10 (NRSVUE)

***HYMN**

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet (UMH 601)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

“Making a Life Together”
Pastor Karen Evenson

OFFERING

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) by Hillsong
Darby Burton

***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**

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.

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

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

***HYMN**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (UMH 381, v 1)

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here by Johann G. Walther

May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter
John 14:1-14
“The Way, the Truth, and the Life”
Message by Pastor Karen Evenson
Music: UMCA Chancel Choir

WORSHIP NOTES:

Worship Hospitality Team

Building Opener and Closer ~ Adam Breiner
Choral Conductor ~ George Chu
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Carole Davidson and Cassie Johnson
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland
Greeters ~ Bill and Margaret Ekstrum
Liturgist ~ Will Hamilton
Music Ensembles/Bell Choir ~ *To be prayerfully determined*
Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Sarah Dhein and Elaine
Organist ~ Marilyn Tice
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye
Scripture Reader ~ Lisa Hamilton
Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Julie Weber and Meredith Berry
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Deb Allen, Gail Sanstad,
Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane, and Mark Worst
Welcome Center ~ Colleen Capuzzi
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 29, 2026

10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry
6:00pm Youth Group
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 30, 2026

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

Friday, May 1, 2026

9:30am Feed My Starving Children

Sunday, May 3, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)
12:30pm Confirmation
5:30pm Lighting the Way Celebration Banquet

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.

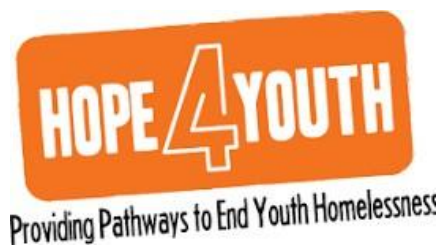


Emma Norton

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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