



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA
Providing Hope to Our Community



Welcome to Worship!
Sunday, May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Celebration of Music Sunday
Lighting the Way Commitment Sunday
2026-27 Worship Theme: Building Community

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

PRELUDE *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* by F. Green and C.V. Stanford

INTROIT *Amazing Grace* arr. by Jason W. Krug
Jubilee Bells

WELCOME Pastor Karen Evenson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 100)

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

One: Come into his presence with singing.

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: and his courts with praise!

All: For the LORD is good;

All: God's faithfulness is for all generations!

***HYMN** *Lord, Be Glorified* (TFWS 2150)

KIDS' SONG AND MESSAGE

(Kids of all ages are invited to join the pastor up front for a kids' song and then are invited to Sunday School or return to their seats afterward.)

SPECIAL MUSIC *Ain't Got Time to Die* by Hal Johnson
South Street Singers

MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

A MUSICAL STORY TO SHARE

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho Arr. Mark Hayes
UMCA Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A SONG OF HOPE

Only Hope by Jonathan Foreman; arr. by Ed Lojeski
Women's Ensemble

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:1-11 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

"Lighting the Way: Everything Given is From God!"
Pastor Karen Evenson

LIGHTING THE WAY PLEDGE COMMITMENTS

(liturgy insert)

OFFERING

City Called Heaven Arr. Josephine Poelinitz
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*

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

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

***HYMN**

Spirit Song (UMH 347, v 1)

***BLESSING**

MUSICAL BENEDICTION

Sweet By and By arr. by Kurt Meyer
Jubilee Bells

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet by Natalie Sleeth



May 24, 2026

The Day Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

"Come, Holy Spirit, Come!"

Message by Pastor Karen Evenson

Be sure to wear **RED, ORANGE, YELLOW** in any shade you have,
so we may represent the colors of the Holy Spirit fire that is being
kindled within the life of this congregation!



**Altar Flowers are in Memory of
Carol Moen's Mother Laura Hutchinson**

WORSHIP NOTES:

Worship Hospitality Team

Building Opener and Closer ~ Adam Breiner
Choral Conductor ~ George Chu
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Capital Appeal Team
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland
Greeters ~ Elaine and Tom Collison
Liturgist ~ Pastor Karen Evenson
Music Ensembles/Bell Choir ~ *To be prayerfully determined*
Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Bev Summerbell
Organist ~ Marilyn Tice
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye
Scripture Reader ~ Pastor Karen Evenson
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

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| Monday, May 18, 2026 | 6:00pm Grief Group |
| Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | 4:30pm Servant Leadership Board Meeting ~ ALL are Welcome |
| Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | 9:00am Sewing & Quilting Group 10:30am New Testament Study 6:00pm Youth Group |
| Thursday, May 21, 2026 | 8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom |
| Sunday, May 24, 2026 | SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online) 10:45am Faces of Jesus in Art Class |

MAY Ministry Highlight



Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session. The 2026 Annual Conference will take place June 16-18, 2026 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, with a theme of "Created to Serve Joyfully,"

Our Love Offering is not simply charity, but a shared ministry, a way of joining God's work in the world. Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering. She shares, "This offering is more than a tradition. It is a tangible expression of our connectional life and our shared commitment to Christ's mission. When we give, we participate in ministry that reaches far beyond what any one congregation could do alone."

Your donations to the 2025 Love Offering totaled \$89,489.88! How much can we raise this year?

This year's Love Offering will go to:

- Midwest Mission (30%)
- Love Boldly Mental Health Ministries Grant for Minnesota Conference Churches (20%)
- Endowment for Ministerial Education (20%)
- Minnesota Conference's Emergency Response Fund (20%)
- Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Scholarships (10%)

In addition to the Love Offering, congregations are invited to collect supplies and make kits for Midwest Mission and UMCOR.

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

