



UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF ANOKA  
*Providing Hope to Our Community*



# Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, May 24, 2026

“Come, Holy Spirit!”

The Day of Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

2026-27 Worship Theme: Building Community

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

**PRELUDE**

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit* by Doris Akers

**CALL AND RESPONSE**

*Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here*

**WELCOME**

Pastor Karen Evenson

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 104:24-34, 35b)

Leader: Today is a day of celebration!

**All: Today, we remember what it means to be the church! Today, we celebrate the ways we can confirm our faith, grow in faith, and support others in doing the same!**

Leader: On this day, we're reminded to let our whole being praise you, Lord! We even dressed up in the colors of the flame in celebration of your Holy Spirit!

**All: Like you, God, we want your message to blow through the community like a wind; we want the fire of your love to spread through us and the flames of your light to spark our ministries! We bring ourselves today, reaching out to you, inviting your Spirit in!**

Leader: You let loose your breath, we were created, and in You we can feel brand-new again!

**All: We will sing to you, God, as long as we live! We know you've been with us from our first moments until forever. This is the day that you have made! Let us always remember! Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

**\*HYMN**

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* (TFWS 2051)

**SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION**

(insert and on-screen)

**KIDS MESSAGE**

*(Kids are invited to join the pastor and Confirmation students up front and then to go to Sunday School or return to their seats afterward)*

**MOMENTS TO SHARE THE STORY**

*UMCA Confirmation Student Final Projects*

**\*HYMN**

*Spirit of the Living God (UMH 393)*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Acts 2:1-21 (NRSVUE)**

**MESSAGE**

***“Come, Holy Spirit, Come!”***

Pastor Karen Evenson

**OFFERING**

*Come, Holy Spirit* by John W. Peterson

Marilyn Tice, Organist

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

*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*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.**

**\*HYMN**

*Many Gifts, One Spirit (UMH 114)*

**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**

Pastor: We are joined together in God's love, both inside and outside of the walls of a church building. On this day, we have come together not only to go to church; but also to be the church and to let the Holy Spirit fill and guide us on our way!

*Confirmands: Come, Holy Spirit Come!*

***Church: Come Holy Spirit, come!***

**POSTLUDE**

*Spirit Song* by John Wimber

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**May 31, 2026**

**First Sunday After Pentecost (Trinity Sunday)**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

***“To the End of the Age”***

Message by Bill Ekstrum, UMCA Lay Member

# WORSHIP NOTES:

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## Worship Hospitality Team

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu  
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Margaret Ekstrum and Michelle Schweich  
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland  
Greeters ~ Bill and Margaret Ekstrum  
Liturgist ~ Meredith Berry  
Music Ensembles ~ *To be prayerfully determined*  
Nursery Coordinator ~ Amanda Harris  
Organist ~ Marilyn Tice  
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson  
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye  
Scripture Reader ~ Max Marcial  
Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Heidi Moen and Mary Hanson  
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Deb Allen, Gail Sanstad,  
Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane, and Mark Worst  
Welcome Center ~ Colleen Capuzzi  
Worship Tech ~ Dallas Berry

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## **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](mailto:umcanoka@gmail.com)

Monday, May 25, 2026	Have a Safe Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 27, 2026	6:00pm Youth Group
Thursday, May 28, 2026	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Friday, May 29, 2026	9:00am Women's Breakfast at Bakers Square
Sunday, May 31, 2026	<b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b> 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)

\*Please contact the office to get connected to any of the Groups or Zoom meetings\*

# 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.

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



# The Day and Season of Pentecost

Focus texts: Numbers 11:24-30, Acts 2:1-21

“Poured out.” What image or feeling does that phrase evoke for you? Does it remind you of seasons of overwhelming exhaustion from pouring out of an empty cup of energy? Does it call to mind the abundance of water poured out at the baptismal font as a baby is presented for initiation into the family of God? Do you recall evenings with family and friends around a table, sipping on never-ending glasses of tea or mugs of coffee as stories and memories flow from person to person? Do you remember moments when you worked with others to serve your neighborhood, receiving as much as you poured out in service with others?

This idea of “God poured out” can bring up many images and feelings from our own lives. Yet, God pours out differently than we do. God is infinite; we are finite. God operates in abundance; we struggle with a fear of scarcity. God’s love is unlimited; too often, our love is limited by our biases and preconceived notions about who does and doesn’t belong.

So, on this Pentecost Sunday, we find ways to emphasize the abundance of God, the unbounded Spirit being poured out among us. We fill the space with red, gold, orange, and yellow. Sing your hearts out. Share the goodness of God’s work among you. Dream God’s dream of abundant life together. Pray for the flourishing of your neighbors. Send one another out encouraged and empowered to follow the unbounded Spirit wherever God may lead. Pentecost is both a celebration and an invitation. We celebrate and remember God’s mighty and continuing act of sending the Holy Spirit to dwell among us, to guide us and nurture us on the journey of faith.

We also receive and remember the invitation to follow the Spirit, to cooperate with God’s work in the world. Just as God pours out abundantly, God invites us continually. The unbounded Spirit is here among us, always working for the flourishing of God’s creation and always inviting us to participate. Will we join in?

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts Ministries, who has served as an organist and music minister in United Methodist congregations in the legacy Northwest Texas and North Texas Annual Conferences. After receiving her Master of Sacred Music and Master of Theological Studies from Perkins School of Theology, she earned her PhD in Religious Studies from Southern Methodist University, where she researched and wrote on the doctrine of Christ, disability, and atonement. Lisa is also the co-lead of Growing in Grace: Accessible Worship for All God’s Children.*

# Confirmation of Faith

May 24, 2026

**Those confirming their faith today are:**

**Sydney Rae Eppenburger** (Age 16) I'm completing 10th grade at Andover High School. I love being a part of UMCA because the community is amazing and everybody is so kind and supportive toward everyone.

*Sydney will be sharing more of her story as part of her Confirmation Final Project during the Moments to Share the Story this morning in worship. A significant Scripture for her life is: Psalm 30:5 (paraphrased) "Your story is not finished. You'll soon laugh in the places you have cried. Keep going, God is with you."*

**Ethan Kevin Johnson** (Age 13) is finishing 8th grade at Northdale Middle School in Coon Rapids. Ethan's primary interests include comedy and musical theater, and what he loves about being a part of UMCA is that it continuously helps him grow closer to God. *Ethan will be sharing more of his story as part of his Confirmation Final Project during the Moments to Share the Story this morning in worship. A significant Scripture for his life is: John 3:16 (KJV): "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten son so whoever believes in Him shall not perish but shall live in everlasting life."*

**Max Ross Marcial** (mar-see-all) (Age 17) I go to Anoka High School, I am currently a Junior, but this fall I will be entering my Senior year! Something that I love about the church is the acceptance of all; I felt like an outcast when I first arrived, but then I knew that they had given me a place here. *Max's creative art piece as part of his Final Confirmation Project is on display this morning in worship and will be available to see after worship in the Narthex/lobby. A significant Scripture for his life is: Romans 15:7—"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

*Special thanks to Adam Breiner, UMCA Discipleship Coordinator, whose time and efforts have been instrumental in accompanying these Confirmands throughout this year. Adam's commitment to welcoming, encouraging, and engaging every member of the congregation is a reflection of his deep faith, integrity, and loving character. On this day, we invite you to take a moment to thank and acknowledge him especially for his work with the UMCA kids and youth, and for the ways he leads others in that work.*