



# Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent: Lighting the Candle of Peace

Advent Words: *We Can't Go Alone*

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

## PRELUDE

*Love Came Down at Christmas* arr. by Allanson Brown

## WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

"PEACE" Cassie, Ethan, and Avery Johnson  
Abigail Keckhafer

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world that is lonely,  
Leader: In a world that is anxious,  
Leader: In a world that is weary,  
Leader: I am not alone.

**All: a seat is saved for each of us, for all of us.**

**All: we will light candles against the gloom.**

**All: we will sing songs of joy and truth.**

**All: We are not alone.**

Leader: For here in this place, God is weaving us together.

**All: The candles are lit! Sing with joy! We are a three-cord strand, not easily broken and we are reminded that we cannot go it alone.**

## \*HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (UMH 196)

## KIDS MESSAGE

"Joseph"

*(Kids of all ages are invited to join the pastor up front)*

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Goodness of God* by Bethel Music and Jenn Johnson  
Kelvin Paye

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY**

Kelvin Paye

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Ruth 1; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NRSVUE)

**MESSAGE**

***“We Can’t Go Alone”***  
Pastor Karen Evenson

**OFFERING**

*Shout to the Lord* by Darlene Zschech  
Kelvin Paye

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (UMH 94)

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

*All Earth is Waiting to See the Promised One* (UMH 210, v 1-3)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Go, Tell It On The Mountain* arr. by Robert D. Vandall  
Marilyn Tice and Lisa Hamilton ~ Piano Duet

**December 15, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Advent Words: Do The Good That Is Yours To Do**

Isaiah 58:9b-12 | Luke 3:7-16

***“Do the Good That is Yours to Do”***

***Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy***

Message by Pastor Karen Evenson

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**WORSHIP NOTES:**

## **Worship Hospitality Team**

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu  
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Bob Quist  
Communion Steward ~ Jim January  
Deaconess ~ Kim Harris  
Greeters ~ Angela and Dave Panter  
Music Ensembles ~ Kathy Chojnacki  
Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Sarah Dhein  
Organist ~ Marilyn Tice  
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson  
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye  
Scripture Reader ~ Bill Ekstrum  
Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Kim Harris and Greg Veum  
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane and Mark Worst  
Welcome Center ~ Bev and Dean Summerbell  
Worship Tech ~ Dallas Berry

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## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

UMCA Office Hours: 10:00am - 2:00pm ~ Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
Or by appointment, please contact us at:  
Phone: 763-421-2378 | Email: [umcanoka@gmail.com](mailto:umcanoka@gmail.com)

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

6:00pm Jubilee Bells  
6:30pm Youth Group  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12, 2024

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

Sunday, December 15, 2024

**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)  
9:45am Sunday School

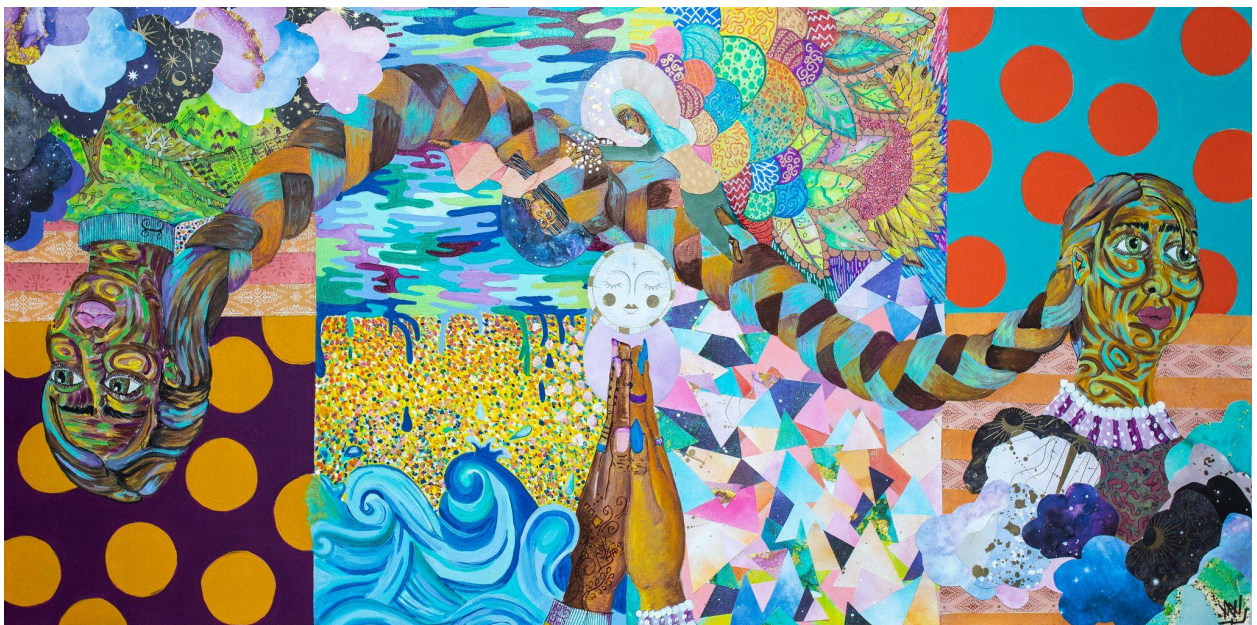
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"From the Three" by Hannah Garrity  
A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)



"Binding Braids" by Nicolette Penarando  
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# DECEMBER

## Ministry Highlight of the Month



**United For The Community:  
EASTER “Resurrection & New Life”**

**We will be inviting our neighbors to an Easter  
Community Event in April of 2025.**

**Easter is April 20, 2025**

