



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA

Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, April 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY: HE IS RISEN!

Worship Theme: Being in Relationship

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

PRELUDE

Trumpet Voluntary by Gordon Young

INTROIT

Behold/The Trumpet Shall Sound by Georg Friedrich Händel
Marilyn Tice (piano), George Chu (voice), Margaret Ekstrum (trumpet)

WELCOME

Pastor: Christ is risen!

Pastor Karen Evenson

Response: Christ is risen, indeed!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted by K. Evenson | written by S. Garnaas-Holmes | unfoldinglight.org)

Leader: Christ is risen!

Response: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Light out of darkness!

Response: Life out of death!

Leader: Hope out of despair!

Response: Power out of surrender!

Leader: God's grace is marvelous and wonderful!

Response: Alleluia!

Leader: God raises us up with Christ and makes us new!

Response: Alleluia!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

Response: Christ is risen, indeed!

*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (UMH 302 v 1, 3, 4)
Trumpets, Margaret Ekstrum and Julian Kuehn

KIDS MESSAGE

(Kids of all ages are invited to join the pastor up front)
Ev'ry Morning is Easter Morning, From Now On! by Avery and Marsh (insert)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Risen Alleluia! by Allen Pote
Chancel Choir and Jubilee Bells

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-8 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

"Love is Alive!"
Pastor Karen Evenson

OFFERING

March Maestoso by Malcolm C. Wilson
Jubilee Bells

***DOXOLOGY**

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

On This Day (14th Century arr. by Mark Hayes)
Chancel Choir

EASTER CREED: WE BELIEVE** (*congregation, you're invited to speak the parts in **bold)

We believe in resurrection, which is mysterious and yet, like tulips after snow: it is real.

We believe in Easter, in the promise of a God who will roll back every stone to be with us.

We believe in Jesus, who calls us by name and asks, "Who are you looking for?"

We believe in the Good News, so we look...for Jesus, for love, for grace, for mercy, for justice, for God with us. We look for these, share with others, and as "Easter people" we will go from this place today raising our voices and singing out, "**Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!**"

Every morning is Easter morning, from now on! We serve a risen Savior! Alleluia! Amen!

***HYMN MEDLEY**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices! (UMH 304, v 1)

He Lives! (UMH 310, v 1)

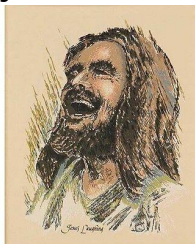
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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Chorus (from Oratorio "Judas Maccabaeus") by G.F. Handel

April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter
John 20:19-31
"Knock, Knock"
Holy Humor Sunday



Message by Pastor Karen Evenson

Worship Hospitality Team

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu

Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Liz and Jim Balabon

Deaconess ~ Kim Harris

Greeters ~ Elaine and Tom Collison

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 ~ Candy Gislason

Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Adam Breiner and Dave Panter

Ushers ~ David Blincow, 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: 10:00am - 2:00pm ~ Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Or by appointment, please contact us at:

Phone: 763-421-2378 | Email: umcanoka@gmail.com

Monday, April 21, 2025	6:00pm Grief Group
Tuesday, April 22, 2025	7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 23, 2025	10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry 11:45am Legacy Members Lunch ~ ALL are Welcome 6:30pm Youth Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 24, 2025	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Friday, April 25, 2025	9:00am Women's Breakfast at Bakers Square
Saturday, April 26, 2025	10:30am Puzzle-Palooza
Sunday, April 27, 2025	HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY SERVICE (Kim Harris Farewell) 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online) 9:45am Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation Session

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

WORSHIP NOTES:

APRIL Ministry Highlights

Community Ministries:

**Alexandra House, Emma Norton,
Family Promise and HOPE 4 Youth**



The mission of Alexandra House is to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence, and inspire social change through education, support, and advocacy.

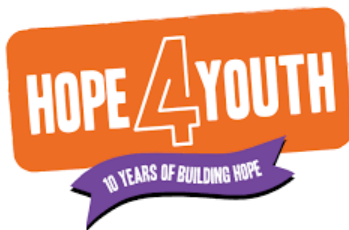


Emma Norton

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.

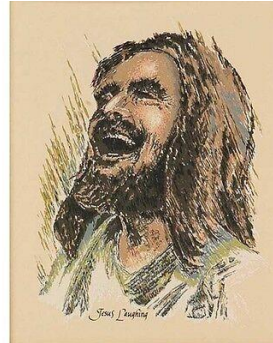
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Coming up at UMCA!

Wednesday, April 23 ~ Legacy Lunch

Sunday, April 27 ~ Holy Humor Sunday



Have You Found Cheeses?

On the Sunday after Easter (April 27, 2025) we will continue to celebrate the risen Christ in worship! Woven into the service will be moments of humor, including fun and funny stories of resurrection, and ways that Jesus has "shown up" or "knocked at the door" in our lives.

If you have a story to share that includes any of the above, please let Pastor Karen know. If you have a joke that might be fun to tell, or a funny picture/meme that we could use during worship or on one of the community room tables that morning, please let us know. *There will be space during the service and after for fun and funny stories and jokes to be shared.*

There will be a message that morning based on John 20:19-31, when Jesus appeared at the door of the closed room where the disciples were hiding after his death. "Knock, knock...it's Jesus!" It was a surprising moment, and not necessarily "funny," but I like to think that Jesus had a wonderful and compassionate sense of humor and it's incredibly meaningful to realize the surprise of Jesus' appearance and how we might approach living our lives inspired by the good humor of the Holy Spirit!

Sunday, April 27 ~ Celebrating Kim Harris

Kim Harris' last Sunday as our UMCA Congregational Care Coordinator is coming up soon! We will be celebrating her and acknowledging her ministry and work that day in worship and following worship during community time.

April 27 - May 3 ~ UMCA Rummage Sale

Donations Accepted:

Sunday April 27th: 1-3pm

Monday April 28th: 9am - 6pm

Tuesday April 29th: 9am - 6pm

Sale Dates:

Wednesday April 30th: 3pm to 7pm

Thursday May 1st: 9am to 6pm

Friday May 2nd: 9am to 6pm (All day \$3 bag day)

We are **NOT** able to accept furniture, mattresses, baby and infant equipment, TV's, AC's, microwaves, tires, windows, paint, hazardous items, winter clothing or equipment.

Saturday, May 3 ~ UMCA All Church Spring Cleaning

Indoor and Outdoor Projects on Saturday, May 3rd from 8am-Noon, Rain or Shine
Coffee, water, donuts and pizza will be provided. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

Monday, May 12 ~ UMCA American Red Cross Blood Drive

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Anoka UMC to schedule an appointment



Youth Group Calendar

Wednesday, April 23 Youth Group Outing at the Enigma Escape Room at 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 30 Youth Meeting at 6:30pm

Community Outings

We have a number of people who have expressed an interest in doing things out and about in the community together. There are so many things that we could do together as friends in Christian community! If you are interested in helping to plan for one or more of the following in 2025, please contact Pastor Karen:

Sporting events (UMCA member teams or professional sports like Twins, Saints, etc...)

Music and Arts and other events (UMCA members concerts, plays, museums, etc)

Minnesota State Fair and County Fair(s) (There are opportunities to volunteer and serve for free tickets OR attend "Worship at the Fair,")

Ongoing Groups

Bible Study is on Thursday at 9:30am.

Men's Breakfast 1st Wednesday of the month and 3rd Friday of the month at 10:00am.

New Testament Class is on Wednesday at 10:30am.

Women's Breakfast is the last Friday of the month at 9:00am.

For more information on the groups, please visit our website and click on the eNews link.