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If you'd like to join virtually, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

NURSERY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Passing the Peace portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to meet by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the worship service. Share a prayer request online in the comments section. Additionally the Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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**A CONGREGATION OF THE
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Online Worship

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25th, 2024 10:00 AM**

If you are joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

If the text is bolded, everyone is invited to say the words in unison.

**PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alex Sandor

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show #33

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God of our lives...

All: You are knowable yet unknowable. Your mysteries are many but we thank you for revealing yourself to us in Jesus.

One: Forgive us as we forgive, and then some more.

All: For those times when we maybe give up too easily. For those times where we aren't curious. For those times when we just say "forget it!"

One: Help us, O God. Make us curious and give us the strength to follow after you.

All: In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Adapted from the Iona Community by Pastor Brett)**

One: Maker of all...

All: Because you delight in your creation,

One: and love each of us and others with equal cherishing,

All: we pause to honor your name and examine ourselves in light of your love.

One: Let us be still. (Stillness held.) A love that is all encompassing. A love that covers us. A love that goes beyond our hopes and dreams.

All: A love that forgives us as we are. That is the love that we cherish.

That is the love that tells us we are forgiven each and every day. And so we are today, as well. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**" In response you may say "**And also with you!**" (you may pass the peace in the comments section)

***RESPONSE** Come Into God's Presence #413

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jackie Pananen

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 84: 1-12

Sermon This Is Really Hard: Trying Our Best & Following Christ
Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Reading

John 6: 56-63, 66-69

***HYMN** O Jesus, I Have Promised #725

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #607

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God to whom we strive, thank you for revealing yourself in Jesus!

Take our gifts of time, talents, and treasures and grow them for your kingdom. Help us to live openhanded lives sharing the gift of our lives with others. Move in us so that we may center the voices of those on the margins. Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. We want others to know your "Yes!" towards all humanity! Amen.

ILLUMINATING OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** We Are Marching in the Light of God #853

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. From signing up to volunteer to donating financially, if you'd like to support the mission and vision of the church you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET INVOLVED

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United!
**Sign-up sheets are on the wood table in the narthex.*

- Coffee Hour*
- Liturgist*

CONFIRMATION

There will be an informational meeting in the Youth room following the service on September 15th about our 2024-2025 Confirmation class! Confirmation is for any student in middle or high school. If you have any questions or know of a student who may be interested, reach out to Laura at lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

FAMILY FALL RETREAT

On October 4th and 5th we will be having a Family Fall Retreat at Camp Amnicon! This is a time for us to connect with God and each other. We will eat together, sing worship, get crafty, and you'll have the chance to go canoeing and hiking (weather permitting). This retreat is for all ages and all families. The cost is \$20 per person (lodging and meals included) and you must register beforehand. Space is limited! Questions? Reach out to Laura at lmfoote.upc@gmail.com

CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIR

September is fast approaching. Please prayerfully consider if you can use your talents by joining the Chancel Choir or Bell Choir. Chancel Choir will begin on September 15th. Bell Choir TBA.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Come visit your friends on Amnicon Lake! We have planned a progressive dinner and want you to join us on Saturday, August 31st with the rain date on Sunday, September 1st.

- 1pm– Connie & Steve Noble with Kirsten Standen: Appetizers
- 2pm or so– Beth & Tom Lisak: Main Course
- 3:30pm or so– Cathy & Dean Hecht: Dessert

Please sign up if you plan to attend. Bring swimwear for tubing, sauna, swimming and volleyball; weather permitting.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

8/25– Connie Noble
8/26– Nancy Withla
8/28– Eric Rude
8/29– Anna Downs
8/29– Audrey Krube
8/30– Abram Pauna
8/30– Tyler Willoughby

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 84: 1-12

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 6: 56-63, 66-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/25

Coffee Hour
11:30 AM SF Small groups

MONDAY 8/26

6:15 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 8/27

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
4:30 PM SFC Retreat Planning

WEDNESDAY 8/28

Paul Buckley Service
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
7:15 PM Iona Recap/Sharing
9:10 PM Volleyball at Aces

THURSDAY 8/29

10:30 AM Lunch for Great Lakes Staff

FRIDAY 8/30

SATURDAY 8/31

1:00 PM Progressive Dinner

Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33
(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

O Jesus, I Have Promised 725

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b B^b E^b

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)
 E^b Cm7 Fm B^b E^b B^b7 E^b

be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)
 Cm F B^b A^b B^b

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.
 now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Come into God's Presence 413

C G F C

1 Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing "Al - le - lu - ia,
 2 Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing "Je - sus is Lord,
 3 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Wor - thy the Lamb,
 4 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Glo - ry to God,

F C F G C

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."
 Je - sus is Lord, Je - sus is Lord."
 wor - thy the Lamb, wor - thy the Lamb."
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God."

**May be sung as a canon.*

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing oo
Si - ya - ham - ba oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing oo
Si - ya - ham - ba oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
 We are dancing...
 We are praying...
 We are singing...