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NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before worship for children newborn–4 years old. After the Passing of the Peace, children ages 5 through 5th grade may meet at 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 request in the comments section. Additionally, the Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Dorothy Burriss 817-715-0968 (macb.dlb@sbcglobal.net) or Dean Hecht at 715-919-1325.

RIDE SHARE

Need a ride? Please check the bulletin board by the fire extinguisher in the narthex.

Children's Church Ministry Leader	Melinda Yingling
Church Secretary	Reese Stariha
Custodian	Mariah Weiss
Financial Secretary	Cathy Hecht
Interim Director of Spiritual Formation	Jenna Slagter
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Online Worship

Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 18th, 2026

10:00 AM

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION

One: How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands! The heavens declare Your glory; the arch of sky displays Your handiwork. In Your love, You have given us the power to behold the beauty of Your world robed in all its splendor. The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills, the rivers and lakes all disclose Your presence. The roaring breakers of the sea tell of Your awesome might; the beasts of the field and the birds of the air bespeak Your wondrous will. In Your goodness, You have made us able to hear the music of the world. The voices of loved ones reveal to us that You are in our midst. A divine voice sings through all creation. Amen.

*HYMN Morning Has Broken

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, who made the covenant promise with our ancestors, we gather here today as a rebellious people. We want to act out your intentions for us, but we keep getting mixed up by all the glitter of the world around us. You tell us to honor creation, and we use other people, animals, and plant life only to meet our wants. You offer daily bread to every living creature, and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of our greed. You promise us new life, and we shrink back from it in fear. Help us, God, lest we destroy ourselves. We need your presence among us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God accepts us in the midst of our struggles. There is encouragement in Christ, there is consolation from love, there is compassion, sympathy, and the opportunity to share in the Spirit. God blesses us as we gather in community, calling us to find our common mind in Christ Jesus. May we not only agree to do the work God places before us as a ministry of love, but let us do all we can to share our faith with a faithfulness stripped of pretense and conceit. May our lives praise God.

*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!"

*RESPONSE Take, O Take Me as I Am

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UPC CHOIR

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

All: We empty our pockets, trusting you, O God. We empty our selfish ambitions, believing that the common good is of greater concern. We give because you have richly blessed us. We present ourselves in your service because you have gifted us in so many ways. We reach out helping hands because we care about all those you have called us to love. May every tongue confessing Christ as Savior share in that mind which so powerfully demonstrates your love. Amen.

*HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth (vs 1-4)

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

New Testament

Message

Heaven on Earth

Sue Olson

Genesis 1:26-30

Luke 17:20-21

Andrew MacGregor

PERIOD OF GUIDED FAITH (prayers of the people & the Lord's Prayer)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

One: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*HYMN This is My Fathers World

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*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

One: Mother, Father, God, Universal Power, Remind us daily of the sanctity of all life.

All: Touch our hearts with the glorious oneness of all creation, As we strive to respect all the living beings on this planet.

One: Penetrate our souls with the beauty of this earth, as we attune ourselves to the rhythm and flow of the seasons.

All: Awaken our minds with the knowledge to achieve a world in perfect harmony and grant us the wisdom to realize that we can have heaven on earth. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1:26-30

1:26 Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." **27** So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. **28** God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." **29** God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. **30** And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 17:20-21

17:20 Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, **21** nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Our All Saints' Day worship will take place on Sunday, November 1st. We would love to remember any loved one who has passed in the last 12 months. Forms are available at the back of the narthex. Please return completed forms to the office or place them in the offering plate. Deadline for submitting names is Monday, October 26th.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

UPC will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat next Sunday, October 25 from 3-5pm. Trunk-or-treats allow children to participate in a Halloween activity in a safe environment. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you would like to host a trunk, or you can contact the office. Decorations and costumes are highly encouraged, though not required! We are gratefully accepting donations of candy for the event. Please drop your donations off at the UPC office on or before October 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Christmas Basket Nomination Forms for 2026 forms are fully digital. There are a few printed copies in the church office and additional copies in the back of the sanctuary for anyone who prefers a paper form. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us this afternoon for our free community dinner at 4:00 PM. We'll have a pumpkin-decorating activity, a meal made with fresh vegetables from our community garden, and apple pie for dessert. Volunteers would greatly be appreciated to help with serving and clean-up. Everyone is welcome!

PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge Cards are coming!! On October 25, right after church, you will receive information so we can all plan how to continue the mission and the vision of UPC in 2027. Your personal commitment is vital to the church as a whole. We will then celebrate with our Stewardship "Sundaes" in the fellowship hall!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAE

Stewardship Sundae is October 25 right after church. As we share ice cream, we can share how we will use our time, talents, and resources to carry out God's mission at UPC!

FALL FLING BAZAAR

Join us for this year's Fall Fling Bazaar on Saturday, November 7, from 9 AM to 1 PM! We'll have a coffee nook, handmade items, Christmas and Thanksgiving items, gift baskets, and much more. It's a great chance to shop and support our church community.

GREETING CARDS

Susan Litehiser is seeking donations of greeting cards. Please drop them off in the office. Thank you!

WAYS TO SERVE

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United!

**Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.*

- Coffee Hour*—Make coffee and bring treats for everyone.
- Liturgist*—Being a liturgist is a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings and our call to worship.
- Crafters Group—Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the crafting room inside the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office to learn more.
- Community Dinner—Our free community dinner will be today at 4:00 PM . To learn more, contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! Contact Jenna at jenna.slagter@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church—Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith! Children's Church takes place during the Sunday service. Contact Jenna at jenna.slagter@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk—Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly, or monthly basis. Training will be provided! Questions? Contact Mac Burriss 304-890-2375.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC. All are welcome!
- Men's Breakfast—Saturday, November 7th, 9:00 AM at Aces in Superior (front private room).
- Women's Waffles—Saturday, November 7th, 9:00 AM at Superior Waffles.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January and July) at 9:30 AM. December and June meetings are lunches at 12:30 PM. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 10/18

8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal
8:45 AM SF Committee
4:00 PM Community Dinner

TUESDAY 10/20

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
1:00 PM SF Small Groups
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 10/22

10:00 AM Pickleball
6:30 PM SF Small Groups

SATURDAY 10/24

MONDAY 10/19

2:00 PM Piano Lessons
6:01 PM Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 10/21

10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:15 PM Session Meeting
6:30 PM SF Small Groups

FRIDAY 10/23

Birthdays This Week

10/18—Debbie Bergstrom
10/18—Vikki Buckley
10/19—Anna Matthias
10/20—Ed Krube
10/22—Jennifer Willoughby
10/23—Donna Okash
10/24—Joyce Bee
10/24—Alli McCumber
10/24—Ryan Yingling

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>

Morning Has Broken 664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



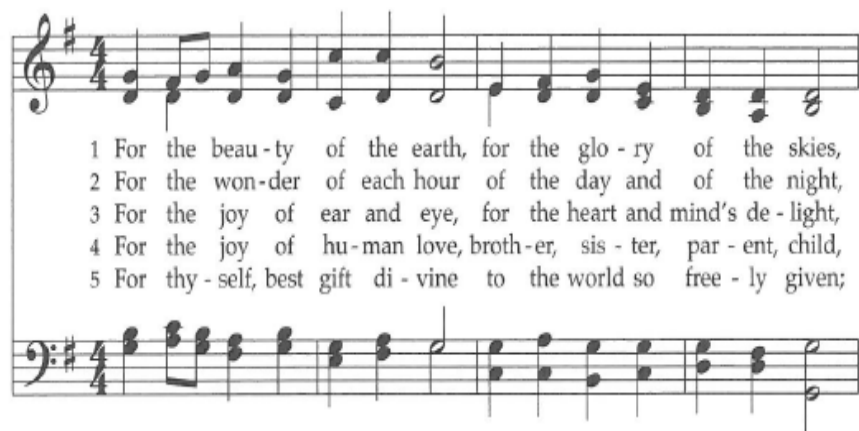
morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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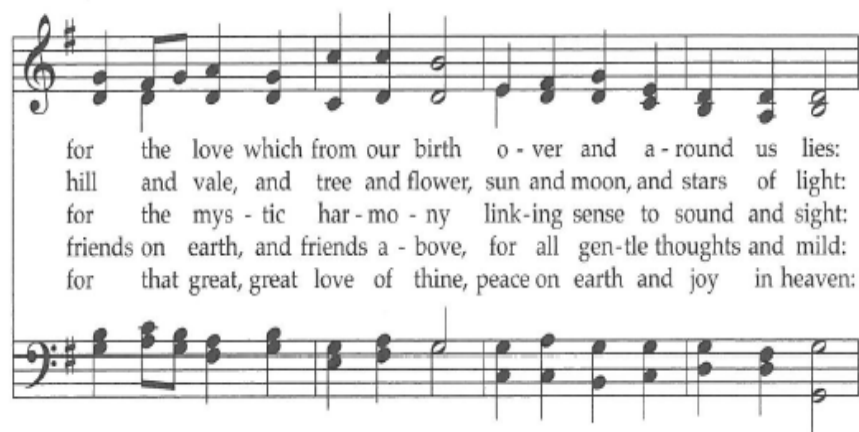


For the Beauty of the Earth

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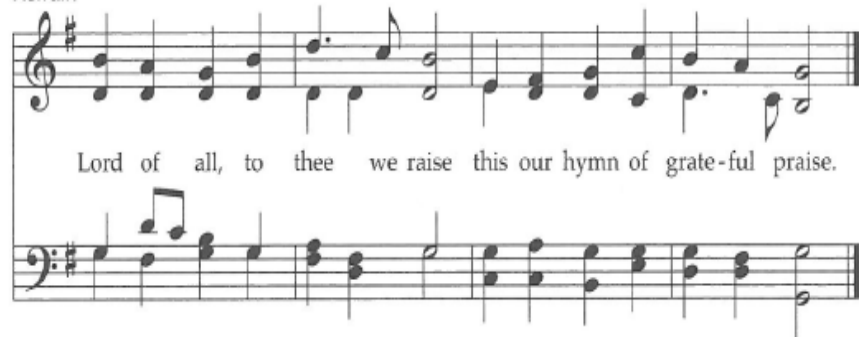


1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

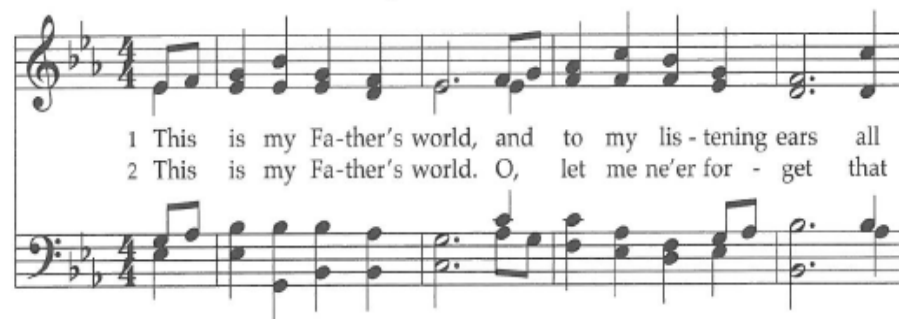
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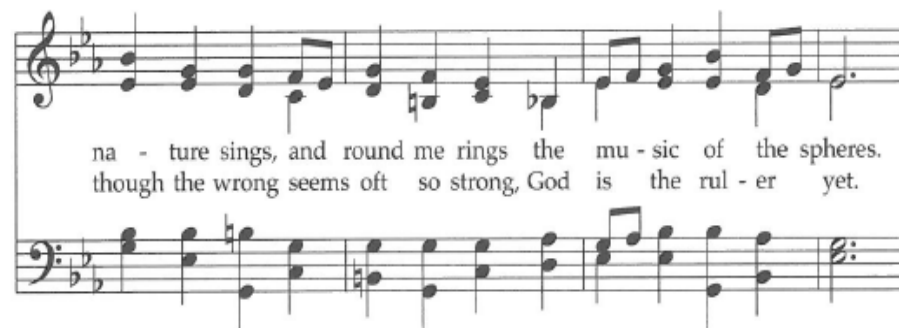
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

This Is My Father's World

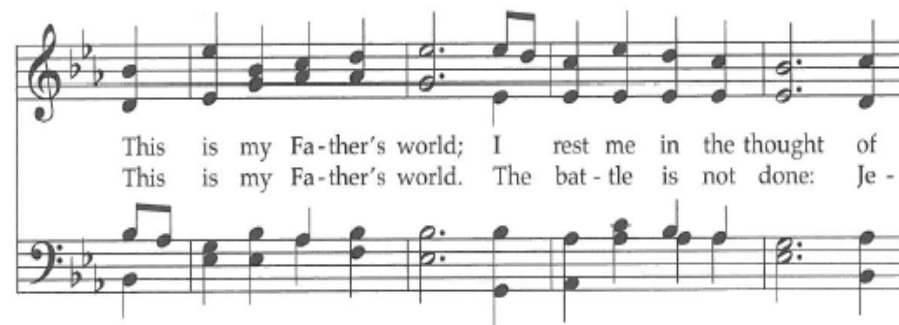
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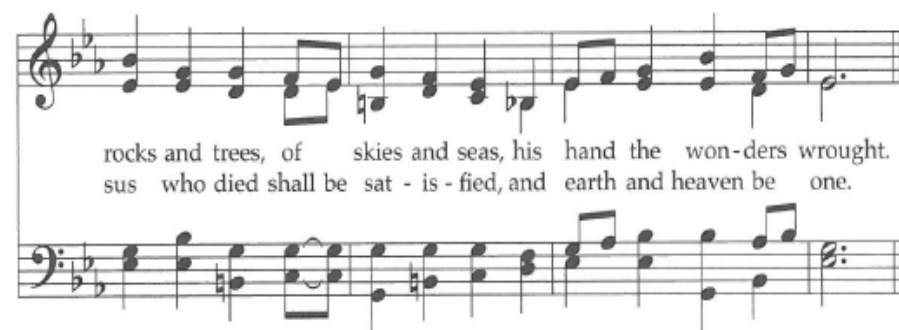
1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for-get that



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat-tle is not done: Je-



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won-ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat-is-fied, and earth and heaven be one.