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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (YouTube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

September 12th, 2021

10:00 A.M.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE **Alex Sandor**
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** **We've Come This Far By Faith** **#656**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 98)**

One: O sing to the Lord a new song!

All: Our God has done marvelous things!

One: God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness to the Israelites.

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyful song and sing praises.

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it!

All: God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

***HYMN** **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** **#435**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who gives us power:

Sometimes we communicate death, instead of life.

Sometimes we say the wrong things.

Sometimes we have the right intentions but get our message or timing all wrong.

We want to bring life with every text, email, letter, or spoken word.

We want to build relationships.

We want to be good teachers.

Guide every thought we have, every word of our mouth, every letter we write, and keystroke we make.

Help us, O God, to guide our ships to abundance, in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Aracelis Girmay writes about the young astrophysicist, Neil Degrasse Tyson's growing up in the poem *from, The Black Maria*: "The Skyview apartments circa 1973, a boy is kneeling on the rooftop, a boy who (it is important to mention here his skin is brown) prepares his telescope, the weights & rods, to better see the moon. His neighbor (it is important to mention here that she is white) calls the police because she suspects the brown boy of something, she does not know what at first, then turns, with her looking, his telescope into a gun, his duffel into a bag of objects thieved from the neighbors' houses."

The calls we make, the messages we communicate, they all matter. Girmay tells the story of someone who should have paused before using the power of the tongue, the power over life and death. Know that Neil was okay after that encounter. Like this young child, even when we get things wrong, when our assumptions are not true, when we communicate the wrong things at the wrong times to even the wrong people, God forgives us. Know that, because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may connect with others in a way that is comfortable with you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN **Kathryn Craven**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Marian Lanigan**
Old Testament Reading **Proverbs 18: 7-8,10-21**

SERMON "Tongue, Pen, Twitter, E-mail: The Power of Life & Death"
Rev. Brett M Foote

New Testament Reading **James 3:1-12**

***HYMN** **Pass It On**

OFFERING
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY **Alex Sandor**
***RESPONSE** **#709**

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Amen.

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who calls us to use the gift of communication wisely, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

Silent Prayer
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. 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** **Spirit, Open My Heart** **#692**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** **Alex Sandor**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 18: 7-8,10-21

The mouths of fools are their ruin,
and their lips a snare to themselves.
The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels;
they go down into the inner parts of the body.
The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
the righteous run into it and are safe.
The wealth of the rich is their strong city;
in their imagination it is like a high wall.
Before destruction one's heart is haughty,
but humility goes before honour.
If one gives answer before hearing,
it is folly and shame.
The human spirit will endure sickness;
but a broken spirit—who can bear?
An intelligent mind acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
A gift opens doors;
it gives access to the great.
The one who first states a case seems right,
until the other comes and cross-examines.
Casting the lot puts an end to disputes
and decides between powerful contenders.
An ally offended is stronger than a city;
such quarrelling is like the bars of a castle.
From the fruit of the mouth one's stomach is satisfied;
the yield of the lips brings satisfaction.
Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 9/12

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Morning Worship

11:30 AM Superior Rebuild @ 925 Clough Ave Superior, WI

2 PM Ross Thorn

5-6 PM Hotdish Initiative

MONDAY 9/13

TUESDAY 9/14

4:15 PM Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 9/15

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)

1 PM Caregiver Conversations

4:30 PM Worship Committee

4-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 9/16

6:15 PM Session

Pastor out of office

FRIDAY 9/17

Pastor out of office

SATURDAY 9/18

Pastor out of office

Birthdays This Week
9/13 Darrel Granquist
9/14 Roy Forslund
9/14 Jan Parish
9/16 Marcy Lee Price
9/16 Trent Sikorski

LOOKING AHEAD
September 19 **Community Dinner**
September 25 **Adventure Group @ Amnicon**

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?
At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you'd like to donate online to the church, you can do so at the following link:
<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEEDURES

Session unanimously voted to encourage masking for all people due to the rise of the Delta variant in neighboring counties. We will continue to sing in worship, but we encourage the use of masks during all parts of the service, for all people, vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Session is hoping that, with the proper precautions, we can continue to worship safely in person.

ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **masks, new or like new towels (all sizes), ready to eat food (in cans or bags), toiletries (soap, contained toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc), and bandaids** to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours!

CONTACTING US

If you need to contact Pastor Brett and he doesn't answer on his cell phone, please call the church to leave a message, as his voicemail sometimes malfunctions.

On that note, our phone is on the fritz due to a number of reasons, so if you're attempting to reach us and are struggling to get through, please call again later, or email us. The phone has also been randomly disconnecting, so if we hang up on you, know that we are sorry, and please try again!

DOORS TO THE NARTHEX

The Building and Grounds Committee would like your help to reduce the Church's utility bill by keeping the doors from the fellowship hall to the narthex closed. These two areas are heated and cooled by different air conditioning units. The thermostats are set at different temperatures. So if the doors separating these areas are left open, the units will run more than necessary.

COFFEE HOUR

There will be a sign up sheet available in the Narthex for people, families, and groups to sign up for individual Sundays to host our outdoor coffee hours following the service. This will now be on a week to week basis instead of a monthly commitment.

NEW DOORS

Check out the new doors separating the education wing from the sanctuary, and the office from the conference room! We were very excited to be able to have these installed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PDA BAGS

Thank you everyone for helping with the PDA school bags.

They were shipped to Ferncliff Disaster assistance Center in Little Rock, AK.

We must be known for doing this, we received a special shipping deal again this year.

CONVERSATION CHURCH SEPTEMBER 19

So often we sit side by side and week after week in the pews without truly getting to know one another. We've been focusing on relationship building over the last two months and we see this as a great way to continue the conversation. After a year of isolation made harder by political divisiveness and social unrest, our society is desperately in need of spaces for connection and conversation. We at United know that change, growth, and healing can only come through curiosity, empathy, and courage. During this very different worship service put together by the worship committee and myself, we hope to move beyond small talk to practice curiosity, listening, and connection. Therefore, our time will focus on facilitating a unique conversation during a worship service that might provide fellowship, connection, and a glimpse of the holy. The service will last roughly one hour, and people will gather, hear scripture read, engage in thirty minutes of intentional and guided conversation with their neighbors as the sermon moment, and close with prayer and Holy Communion. We hope that you'll join us next Sunday, September 19 during our normal worship time.

SEPTEMBER ADVENTURE GROUP

Enjoy the fall leaves with a drive to the Tri Lakes Community Center, at Amnicon Lake (7872 South, County Rd A, Superior, WI 54880) . They are hosting a soup, pie and beverage lunch for \$8 per adult. Our UPC Adventure Group invites you to meet at 12 noon on Saturday, Sept 25th, at the Community Center. If weather cooperates, a pontoon ride around the lake and volleyball could follow. Friends are always welcome too.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School started up this morning! It will continue to take place every week in the Sunday School room on Sundays at 9:15 AM. All Elementary age kids are welcome to join us!

FALL FLING BAZAAR

The Presbyterian Women have scheduled a bazaar for Saturday, October 23, 2021. It will be open from 9 until 1. This is a church-wide event and we need everyone's help to make it a success. Please think about ways in which you can help. If you are creative, start working on those crafts. If you bake, start thinking about what you can make that people would love to buy. If you aren't creative or a baker perhaps you can help set up the day before or work the day of the bazaar. Any and all help will be needed and appreciated.

We've Come This Far by Faith 656

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,

trust-ing in the ho-ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.

O, can't turn a-round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

PASS IT ON

Words and Music by KURT KAISER

Very legato

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1. It on - ly takes a spark To
won - drous time is spring When
wish for you, my friend, This

get a fire go - ing, And
all the trees are bud - ding, The
hap - pi - ness that I've found, You

soon all those a - round Can warm up to its
birds be - gin to sing, The flow - ers start their
can de - pend on Him, It mat - ters not where

glow - ing. That's how it is with
bloom - ing. That's how it is with
you're bound. I'll shout it from the

God's love, Once you've ex - per - i - enced it; You
God's love, Once you've ex - per - i - enced it; You
moun - tain top, I want my world to know; The

spread His love to ev - 'ry - one - You want to PASS It ON.
want to sing, it's fresh like spring - You want to PASS It ON.
Lord of love has come to me - I want to PASS It ON.

2. What a
3. I

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
 Refrain F B^b F B^b C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
 Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
 F B^b Gm7 F B^b F

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
 F B^b F B^b

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
 C7 Dm F/C B^b C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
 Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

to Refrain