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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 each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

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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Second Sunday in Eastertide *April 7th*, 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 Alex Sandor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT Jesus Christ is Risen Today #232

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray...

All: God, who shows up as the garden keeper, we love you! You take care of the earth and you tend to the garden's of our lives. Sometimes God, we ignore the broken window. Sometimes, we let chaos reign. Sometimes, we pretend like everything is fine when it isn't. Sometimes, we aren't faithful at taking care of what you've tasked us with caring for. Help us God. Help us be attentive to the brokenness around us. Help us to be repairers of the breach. Give us energy, imagination, intelligence and love to do just that. Forgive us. Move in us that we might look more and more like the your son Jesus. In the name of the holy Trinity, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God forgives us. God forgives us not because of something we've done. God forgives us not for the money we've earned or not earned. God forgives us not because of the education we've obtained or forgotten. God forgives us not because of what we wear. God forgives not because of who we love. God forgives us just as we are. This is why and how we are forgiven

All: We are all forgiven because of God's endless love in and through... 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!"

*RESPONSE O for a World #372

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

SCRIPTURE READING Donna Okash

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2: 15-23

SERMON Mistaken Identity: God & The Gardens Of Our Lives Rev. Brett M Foote

New Testament Reading John 20: 11-18

*HYMN In a Bulb There is a Flower #250

*APOSTLES CREED

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING Give Thanks #647

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING HYMN #607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of order, help us to keep the gardens well. Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized or hurt by our society and church. Enable us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we model your hands and feet of justice and love today and every day. Send your powerful Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for each of our communities: Superior and the rest of the Northland. We want others to know your "Yes!" towards all humanity! Amen.

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN I Come With Joy

Eucharistic Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Praise to You, O God, for all of Your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in Your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from You, You remained ever faithful. You taught Your disciples to pray by saying...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you at home, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution. Here at the church we invite you to come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks.

All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayers
Pastoral Prayer

*Closing Hymn Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing #546

*Benediction

*Postlude

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 4/7

10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 12:00 PM Volleyball 2:00 PM Rampage Softball

MONDAY 4/8

5:00 PM Finance Committee 6:00 PM Rampage Softball 6:15 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 4/9

10:00 AM Pickleball 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY 4/10

10:00 AM Crafters Group 6:00 PM Personnel Committee

THURSDAY 4/11

10:00 AM Pickleball 4:30 PM Buildings & Grounds

FRIDAY 4/12

SATURDAY 4/13

Birthdays This Week

4/7- Tim lafrate

4/8- Halie Matthias

4/8- Kevin Ostrowski

4/9- Lisa Palmer

4/11- Pastor Charlotte Frantz

4/11- Erin Lanigan

4/11- Janet Heckman

4/12- Devon Ziebell

4/12- Nicholas Anderson

LOOKING AHEAD

April 14th- Hike the Millenium @ 12PM April 14th- Second Student Dinner @ 6:30 PM April 24th- Rib Dinner @ 4:00 PM

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:15-23

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY GARDEN POTLUCK

We are having a potluck on Sunday, April 28, after church, to celebrate the approach of the 2024 garden season! Everyone in the congregation is invited. This will be a salad-and-dessert potluck. Please sign up, starting today, to bring a salad of any kind (green, pasta, bean, meat, fruit--you name it) or a dessert on the 28th. The sign-up sheets are on the Community Garden table in the narthex.

BUMP SET SPIKE BY JAY

UPC had some good volleyball on March 24th. We had great sets and spikes! Come join us today @ 12:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET INVOLVED

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United! Two great ways that are available year-round are to sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship, or to host a coffee hour following the service. There are sign up sheets available at the back of the Narthex under the calendar!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

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, from there they will go together to the Youth room for Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith.

SECOND SUNDAY STUDENT DINNER

On Sunday, April 14th, middle and high school students are invited to our Second Sunday Student Dinner! The dinner will take place at the Nikoi's home at 6:30p. This month it will be a game night! Come ready to fill your belly and have a fun time together! If you have any questions, reach out to Laura after the service or by emailing Imfoote.upc@gmail.com.

CAMP SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 5th the Spiritual Formation Committee will be hosting a camp-themed Coffee Hour. The goal is to share about the positive influence of camp and raise funds to send students to camp this summer!

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

You can join us for pickleball **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there!

Volleyball will be **every Sunday at 6 PM** except April 7th and May 5th. Those dates will start at **12 PM**.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH ADVENTURE GROUP

Come hike the Millenium Trail April 14th at 12:00 PM followed by lunch at 1:00 PM @ Boulder Tap House. All are welcome! If you have any questions contact Debbie Bergstrom 218-269-4679.

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, April 5th, Douglas County is at a **Low COVID-19 Community Level**. At this level, the Session-approved guidelines recommend that our community members stay up to date on vaccinations, mask in spaces with older folks and other potentially immunocompromised individuals, and stay home when sick.



In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise



- 1 In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
- 2 There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o-dy;
- 3 In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in fin i ty;



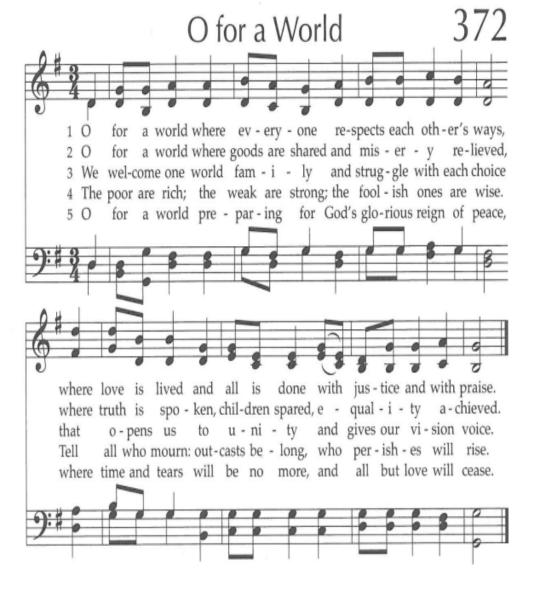
in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but - ter-flies will soon be free! there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me. in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



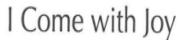
In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be, From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter-y, In our death, a res-ur-rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to-ry,

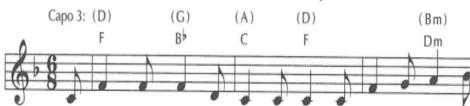


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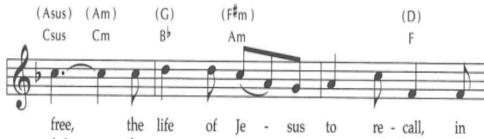






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