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If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship service live, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:

<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

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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Online Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

February 19th, 2023

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT **Our God is an Awesome God (2x)** #616

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 99)

One: The Lord is ruler. Let the people tremble.

All: Let the earth quake! The Lord is exalted over all the people.

One: Let them praise God's great and awesome name.

All: Holy is God!

*HYMN **How Great Thou Art** #625

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us open our lives to God's healing presence and forsake all that separates us from God and our neighbors.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

God of all good: You call us to confess our sins so that we may choose life and really begin to live. You call us to be one with you and your creation in love, faithfulness and truth. Help us to carry out the vows we all make and live in mutual support of one another. Holy god, we confess that we readily bow down to other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and money and our devotion to commercialism pulls us away from you and from one another. Forgive us and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. In Christ's name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sin is forgiven. May we learn the ways of God by following the ways of Jesus Christ. 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."** In response you may say **"And also with you!"** (You may pass the peace in the comments section.)

RESPONSE **O God, You Are My God (2x)** #743

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

Donna Okash

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

SERMON **"Witness to What?"** Rev. Duane Aslyn

STATEMENT OF FAITH—Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ the world was being reconciled to God. Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of God, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God is the foundation of all confessional statements about divinity, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls us all to be reconciled to God and to one another.

*HYMN **Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory** #190

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

*RESPONSE **We Give Thee But Thine Own (vs.1)** #708

We give Thee but Thine own,
What e're the gift may be;
all that we have is Thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of the mountains who has chosen us to be witnesses.

Help us to serve with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of your gifts and may we be loving neighbors. May all those who have been pushed aside find in us good friends and companions on the journey. As we give of our time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to be people of healing in our community. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth and the rest of the Northland may know you from generation to generation. Amen.

Prayers To Be Shared Please email or call 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; 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 **Shine, Jesus, Shine** #192

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 2/19

**Pastor Out—Continuing Ed.
Winter Youth Retreat
8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
4 PM Community Dinner Pickup
6 PM Volleyball
6 PM Boy Scouts**

MONDAY 2/20

**1 PM UPBeat Deadline
4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons**

TUESDAY 2/21

**1 PM Warren Nelson Visitation
2 PM Warren Nelson Funeral
3:45 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Pickleball
5 PM Fat Tuesday Feast**

WEDNESDAY 2/22

**12 PM Staff Meeting
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service**

THURSDAY 2/23

**5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:15 PM Session Meeting
7 PM AA Meeting**

FRIDAY 2/24

SATURDAY 2/25

Birthdays This Week

**2/19 Sue Goodin
2/21 Joel Johnson
2/23 Laurie Price
2/23 Bonnie Wallin
2/24 Nicholas Baker**

LOOKING AHEAD

**February 22
February 28**

**Ash Wednesday
UPBeat Mailing**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, February 17th, 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.

LITURGIST & COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

There are two sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex, one to sign up to host our coffee hours following the service, and one where you can sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship services. These are both great opportunities to get involved with the church!

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Every Tuesday—Pickleball from 4-6 PM

Every Sunday— Volleyball from 6-7:30 PM

FAT TUESDAY FEAST

This Tuesday, February 21 we're going to have an evening of games, good food (of course), and learn a bit about what Lent is all about at the home of the Feet (a.k.a. Laura and Brett's home). This is for students of all grades. Bring your favorite game and come on over at 5p! Let Laura know if you'll be coming and what your favorite food is!

BABY SHOWER FOR KATE AND NICK LONG

We will be having a United Baby Shower for Kate and Nick on March 12 immediately following the service. Come celebrate and bless these soon-to-be parents! They are registered with Target and Amazon. Reach out to Laura if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our free Community Dinner this Sunday, February 19th. Dine in is available from 4-5 PM, then at 5 PM, leftover meals will be packaged up and distributed for anyone who would like to enjoy a hot meal at home instead. We cannot guarantee pick up availability, nor can we distribute pickups any earlier than 5 PM.

We will be serving barbeque beef sandwiches, chips, coleslaw, beans, and cake.

We are still in need of volunteers! If you would like to volunteer to help with set up, serving, or even just providing some of the food, any and all assistance would be welcomed! Check the sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex for volunteer times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: **mittens, hats, scarves, hand warmers, coats, toiletry items (toothbrushes, toilet paper, bars of soap, etc.), and non-liquid, sealed food items.** Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. *Thank you for your donations!*

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is staffed 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Stop by the Nursery and meet Iris, our Nursery Coordinator and her volunteer assistants. 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 Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith. Children's Church takes place in the Youth room, which is next to the Nursery. *There will be no Children's Church this Sunday, February 19th.*

SECOND SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every second Sunday of the month there is a Bible study for our high school students. We will meet in the Youth room after the service. Don't worry, we'll have snacks for any grumbling bellies. Our next one will be March 12th.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nursery care will be available at our Ash Wednesday service, as well as our Maundy Thursday service.

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>

Our God Is an Awesome God 616

Awesome God

Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove
with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

Chords: C, G, D, Em, C, G, Am, Em, B7, Em

625

O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me

all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in

hear the *roll - ing thun - der, thy power through - out the
loft - y moun - tain gran - deur and hear the brook and
bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, he bled and died to
hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My

u - ni - verse dis - played:
 feel the gen - tle breeze:
 take a - way my sin: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

O God, You Are My God 743

Step by Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise
 you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise
 you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will
 learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
 me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Capo 3: (Dm)
Fm

(Gm) (A7) (Dm)
Bbm C7 Fm



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est

(Gm) (A7) (Dm) (Gm) (A7)
Bbm C7 Fm Bbm C7



daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;
keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain
light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions

(Dm) (A7) (Dm) (D) (Bm)
Fm C7 Fm F Dm



Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and
an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -
to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no

(Em) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7 F



John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward
ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by
oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our

(Bm) (Em) (A7) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Dm Gm C7 F Dm F C7 F



toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G)
A D A E A



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our

(C) (G) (D) (C) (D)
D A E D E



midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)
C#m7 F#m7 D E C#m7



World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
en - ter your bright - ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)
F#m7 G Esus E G Esus E



bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E



Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (F) (D7sus)(D7)
 A E F#m D A Bm Bm/A G E7sus E7

Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
 A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A E F#m D A Bm E7 A

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.