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### HELPFUL TO KNOW

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:

<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

Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or

Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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### **ONLINE WORSHIP**

**3rd Sunday of Lent & Gifts of Women Sunday**

**March 7th, 2021**

**10:00 A.M.**

Please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

**PRELUDE** Alex Sandor  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** Bless The Lord #544

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 77)

One: We cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that God may hear us.

**All: In the day of our trouble we seek the Lord; in the night our hands are stretched out without wearying.**

One: We think of God, and we cry; we meditate, and our spirits faint.

**All: God, where are you?**

One: Because, you are the God who works wonders.

**All: You lead us like a shepherd leads a flock! We will follow if you make yourself known to us.**

**HYMN** A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar #201

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God of glory and righteousness, we confess that we do not live as citizens of your kingdom. We give allegiance to worldly thrones. We perpetuate a world in which patriarchy rules while many are pushed aside. We ignore the neediest in our midst. We discount our own worth. We forsake your just rule and the rules of your kingdom. Take from us the spirit of isolation, greed, lust for power, sexism and false pride. Give us instead the spirit of interdependency, generosity, humility, equality and love. In all things grant us time for amendment of life that we may serve you all the length of our days. Heal us, renew us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: Family, we know that the way the world is and in many ways the way we are, is not the way it is supposed to be. By the power of the Holy Spirit each of us are refashioned every day to live according to God's reign, in the freedom of Christ Jesus. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel- Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

**All: We are all forgiven. Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those in the comments section with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you." (Say hello to one another!)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** Kathryn Craven  
**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Eric Schlacks  
Old Testament Reading Judges 4:1-10,12-15

**SERMON** "Women: The Leaders God Chooses" Rev. Brett Foote  
New Testament Reading Romans 16:1-7,13-16

**HYMN** For All the Faithful Women #324

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**<sup>1</sup>

We believe in an inviting God  
Who invites the poor and the sick,  
The outcast and the lonely,  
The immigrant and the refugee,  
The awkward and the abrasive,  
The inconvenienced and the hurried,  
The people affected by disability and the able bodied,  
The young and the innocent.

We believe God invites the best and the worst—  
In all of us.

We believe God invites us to:

A life of faith,  
A crowded table,  
A messy church,  
A deeper truth,  
A resilient joy,  
A place to belong,  
A family among strangers,  
A world that is just,  
And a love that knows no bounds.

**We believe this invitation exists for all people.**

**We believe this invitation exists for us. And when we miss the call or ignore the invite, We believe that God invites us again. Thanks be to God for that invitational Spirit. Amen**

<sup>1</sup> Adapted by Brett from an Affirmation of Faith by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

## OFFERING

### MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

#### OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

#### RESPONSE Give Thanks

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### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God who raises up those society pushes aside, 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. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know that they are loved by us and by God. In the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### Invitation to Holy Communion

#### COMMUNION HYMN

Shadow of a Tree

Sandy LeMieux

#### 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. 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 glory and the power, forever. Amen.**

#### Words of Institution

*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, 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 those in your family 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.*

#### 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.**

#### 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

#### CLOSING HYMN

**We Are One in The Spirit**

**#300**

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

**Alex Sandor**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Judges 4:1-10,12-15***

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" ' Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

When Sisera was told that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, Sisera called out all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the troops who were with him, from Harosheth-ha-goiim to the Wadi Kishon. Then Deborah said to Barak, 'Up! For this is the day on which the Lord has given Sisera into your hand. The Lord is indeed going out before you.' So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand warriors following him. And the Lord threw Sisera and all his chariots and all his army into a panic before Barak; Sisera got down from his chariot and fled away on foot

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

***Romans 16:1-7,13-16***

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; and greet his mother—a mother to me also. Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them. Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

**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 vs. mailing the weekly offering to the church, you can do so at the following link:

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

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 3/7

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
11:30 Coffee Break (Zoom)

MONDAY 3/8

TUESDAY 3/9

WEDNESDAY 3/10

12:00 Staff Meeting (Zoom)  
3 PM Finance (Zoom)  
6:15 PM Lenten Worship (Zoom)

THURSDAY 3/11

3 PM Hotdish Prep  
5:30 PM B&G Meeting (Zoom)

FRIDAY 3/12

SATURDAY 3/13

Birthdays This Week

3/7 Don Jensen  
3/9 Keaton Perkins  
3/9 Owen Schulz  
3/11 Emma Buckley  
3/12 Grace Johnson  
3/12 Jim Willmore  
3/13 Gerald (Jay) Lanigan

LOOKING AHEAD

March 14 Hotdish Initiative  
March 19 Easter Flower Orders Due  
March 20 F&O Hike @ Bear Creek Trail  
March 21 Community Dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

Items needed for the Inclusive Care Unit! We currently need: **Winter scarves, adult hats, gloves or mittens, and blankets.** Drop them off at the church Monday-Friday between 12 P.M. and 4 P.M.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

United Presbyterian Church needs volunteers to help clear snow from the three main entrances at the front of the Church on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for the remainder of this winter. Please contact Eric Schlacks to volunteer or to learn more. He can be reached at 218-269-6678 or at desertswan1@gmail.com.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The boxes of 2021 offering envelopes for members can be found in the narthex on the table under the calendar. Please come anytime within church hours to pick them up.

ICU TREE

What was formerly the mitten tree is now the ICU tree! It is still set up in the main entrance, and we are asking for donations of new socks, hand warmers, and foot warmers to be placed on the tree to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours to decorate the tree!

LENTEN WORSHIP

Please join us for an interactive Lenten Service, with a song and brief liturgy on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM during Lent. This will be done via Zoom. The link to this worship service will be sent out via email prior to the service.

EASTER FLOWERS

Order forms for Easter Lilies and Chrysanthemums went out in your UPBeats, and will also be available in the office. They will be placed in the sanctuary to be seen during our live streamed services. Orders are due March 19th. They can be picked up on April 6th if you wish to take them home.

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## Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

## 201 A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

1 A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar, by Love's di-vine ap-  
 2 A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb by Love's di-vine com-  
 3 Though wom-an-wis-dom, wom-an-truth, for cen-tu-ries were  
 4 The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls, by Love's di-vine or-

point-ing. With rare per-fume she filled the room, pre-  
 mis-sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a-  
 hid-den, un-sung, un-writ-ten, and un-heard, de-  
 dain-ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their

sid-ing and a-noint-ing. A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar,  
 ris-ing from sub-mis-sion. A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb,  
 rid-ed and for-bid-den, the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire,  
 powers and gifts un-chain-ing. The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls,

the sneers of scorn de-fy-ing. With rare per-fume she  
 with res-ur-rec-tion gos-pel. She saw; she heard; she  
 on free and slave de-scend-ing, can tum-ble our di-  
 from wom-en, men, and chil-dren, the friends we need, to

filled the room, pre - par - ing Christ for dy - ing.  
 preached the Word, a - pos - tle to a - pos - tles.  
 vid - ing walls, our shame and sad - ness mend - ing.  
 serve and lead. Re - joice, and make them wel - come!

# 324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm7 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in  
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -  
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with  
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)  
 B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Cm7 Fm B<sup>b</sup>

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to  
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay  
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to  
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and  
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her  
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er  
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their  
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to  
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her  
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)  
 Cm7 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.  
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.  
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.  
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm

- 1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
- 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
- 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
- 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.