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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.

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Online Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 30th, 2026

10:00 AM



**A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A)**

If you're 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

***INTROIT** God Welcomes All (3x) #399

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

All: For the God who created and continues to create meets us in this place.

One: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

All: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

One: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

All: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Loving God, we confess our struggle to live as You call us to live. The desires and demands of our daily lives pull us away from Your heart. Our world values the rich, the powerful, the successful. You are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. We forget that they too are your beloved ones. Forgive us, Merciful God, for looking for You in all the wrong places. Reawaken us with Your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with Your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim the Good News and go forth to serve Your people, in Christ's name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

All: We are God's children, called to be different, called to act differently, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are 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)

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

***RESPONSE** I Will Call upon the Lord #621

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sue Olson

Old Testament

Psalms 18:1-3, 30-36

New Testament

Matthew 16:13-20

Message A Theology of Rocks

Jocelyn Langholz

New Testament

1 Peter 2:4-6

***HYMN** How Firm a Foundation #463

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #609

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: God, who is our Rock.

All: You hold us steady and secure, providing for our needs and beyond. Thank You for inviting us to join in Your work, sharing what we have to embody Your love and care for your people and all creation. We give, trusting that each gift will be multiplied by Your blessing. Send Your Spirit that we may use these gifts with wisdom, compassion, and imagination to share in Christ's work through this church, reaching our neighbors near and far. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (Here's our suggested version, but feel free to pray the version you are most familiar with.)

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** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #700

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC JOB OPENINGS

UPC is hiring 2 Nursery Coordinators and 1 Children's Church Ministry Leader to support our youngest members.

- Nursery Coordinator — \$16.32/hour
- Children's Church Ministry Leader — \$18.00/hour

If you're interested, please send your resume to Ephraim Nikoi at ephraimnikoi@gmail.com and Jonathan Asp at aspjonathan@gmail.com

UPC VOLLEYBALL

UPC went 3–0 on Wednesday. Jay, Kate, Kailey, Tom, and Cathy played as a team with good sets, hits, and digs. This weeks game is at 7:30 PM. Come on out to Aces and cheer on the Burnin' Beets!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Join us next Saturday, September 5th for a Progressive Dinner at Amnicon Lake starting at 1:00 PM. There will be swimming, tubing, volleyball, and plenty of other excitement. See the flyer hanging in the narthex for more details. Also, there is a sign-up sheet if you plan to attend. Contact Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003, or the office with any questions.

FALL SMALL GROUPS

It's time to look forward to Fall Small Groups! We are in need of hosts and leaders for this season of learning. This year, groups will make their way through "Appreciate These Things" by Jill J. Duffield. The book will lead groups through a deep reflection of Philippians 4:8: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." <https://youtu.be/XToHywTIP6Q> Sign-up forms will be available next week. Groups will begin the week of September 27 and meet through November 15 (8 weeks) and books will cost \$12.

OUTSIDE GARBAGE CANS UPDATE

We had another bear knock a garbage bin over but it couldn't get the top off because bolt was on very tight. Please keep doing that. Contact Dean Hecht (715-919-1325) with any questions.

PANANEN'S CABIN

For a little beach time this afternoon, you are invited to the Pananen's cabin on Lake Superior. Come about 3-ish, or after the Wisconsin Point walk. Stroll the beach, then have snacks at the cabin. 7549 E Camp Amnicon Rd. 907-388-3307.

BREAD FOR SALE

There is bread for sale, \$5/bag, in the narthex. The bread is baked by Susan Litehiser.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 18:1-3, 30-36

18:1 I love you, O Lord, my strength. **2** The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. **3** I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies. **30** This God—his way is perfect; the promise of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all who take refuge in him. **31** For who is God except the Lord? And who is a rock besides our God? **32** The God who has girded me with strength and made my way safe. **33** He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights. **34** He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. **35** You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand has supported me; your help has made me great. **36** You gave me a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 16:13-20

16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" **14** And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." **17** And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." **20** Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Peter 2:4-6

2:4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

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 next community dinner will be Sunday, October 18 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!
- Sand Volleyball—Come watch every Wednesday night at Aces in Superior. See the bulletin or church calendar for game times. Contact the office or Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003 with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January, February, 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.
- Adventure Group Hikes—Today after worship we'll be hiking and swimming at Wisconsin Point and meeting at lot #1. Contact Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673 with any questions.
- Munch Bunch—Thursday, September 3rd at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner The Backyard on Amnicon Lake in Superior, WI. You can reach out to Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673 with any questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/30

Coffee Hour—After Worship

Hike/Swim Wisconsin Point—After Worship

TUESDAY 9/1

10:00 AM Pickleball

1:00 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY 9/3

10:00 AM Pickleball

5:30 PM Munch Bunch

SATURDAY 9/5

1:00 PM Progressive Dinner

*Fellowship Hall is reserved from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM.

MONDAY 8/31

WEDNESDAY 9/2

9:30 AM PW Meeting

10:00 AM Crafters Group

12:00 PM Staff Meeting

2:00 PM CSA Pick-up

4:30 PM Deacons Meeting

6:00 PM Book Club

7:30 PM Volleyball @ Aces

FRIDAY 9/4

*Fellowship Hall Reserved

Birthdays This Week

8/30—Abram Pauna

8/30—Tyler Willoughby

9/3—Laura Schlacks

9/4—Jade Palmer

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>

God Welcomes All

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, featuring a melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

I Will Call upon the Lord

621

Part 1 (melody)
D G D G D G
I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-ty to be

Part 2 (echo)
I will call up-on the Lord

D G D G D G
praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.

who is wor-ty to be praised. So shall I be

D G D G D G A
I will call up-on the Lord.

saved from my en - e - mies. I will call up-on the Lord.

Refrain
D G D G
The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-

D G A D G
va-tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock,

D G D G A A7 D
and let the God of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed.

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, featuring a melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The key signature has one sharp (F#). Chord symbols (D, G, A, A7) are provided above the notes.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

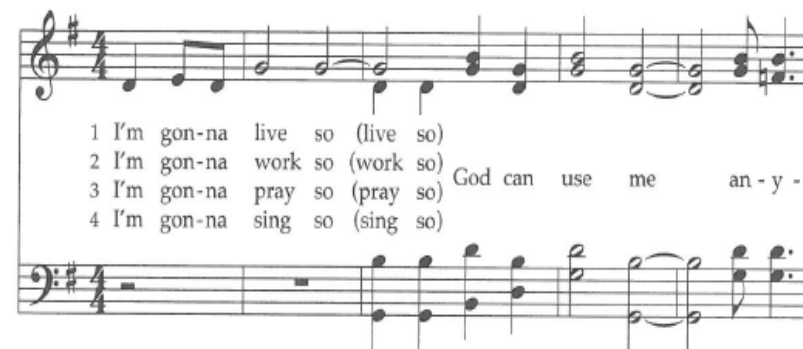
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

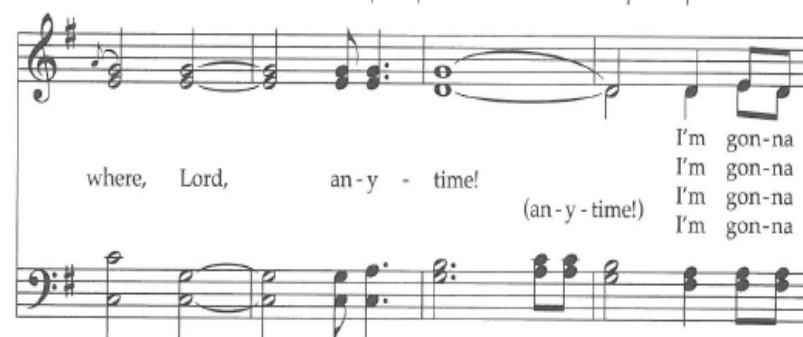
609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures
 high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
 one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na



live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so) God can use me an - y -
 sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time! (an - y - time!)