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<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) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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Online Worship

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16th, 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

HARBOR MASTERS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT**

To Bless The Earth #38

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, we know you, your Spirit, and your word do not change, we do. We praise you because you meet us anew each and every day as we change. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may be light in your will and live in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***HYMN** We Are One In The Spirit #300

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. You are not the same person as you were yesterday, and tomorrow I guarantee that you'll be different again. 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.)

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

RESPONSE Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (vs 1)
#582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Eric Schlacks
Old Testament Reading Genesis 25:19-34

SERMON "Beets That Won't Sprout & Repeating Ancient Words:
Tending The Soil"
New Testament Reading Rev. Brett M Foote
Matthew 13:3-8

***HYMN** Tell Me The Story of Jesus

***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 Jan Letsos

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

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

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er 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 who amends the soil of our lives, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for Superior, Duluth & the Northland. We give thanks for this place we call home. We praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will with our whole lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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** You Shall Go Out With Joy #80

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 7/16

10:00 AM Morning Worship
10:15 AM Children's Church
6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 7/17

10 AM—12 PM Piano Lessons
5:30—8 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 7/18

10 AM Pickleball
4-7 PM Piano Lessons
6 PM Softball vs Darrow Road—Fd 1

WEDNESDAY 7/19

10 AM Pickleball
1 PM Caregiver Conversations
2-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 7/20

5:30 PM All Church Picnic—Billings Park Pavilion 1
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 7/21

1 PM UPBeat Deadline

SATURDAY 7/22

Birthdays This Week

7/17 Nick Long
7/18 Kaylee Johnson
7/19 Beau Kiel
7/19 Elsie Hicks
7/21 Nathaniel Fuller
7/22 Ashton Cairns

LOOKING AHEAD

July 25
July 31

Softball BBQ
UPBeat Mailing

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 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb,

and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.'

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 13:3-8

And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Join us for pickleball every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday at 10:00 AM**.

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: hand sanitizer, toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, chapstick, lotion, floss, deodorant, etc.), and canned/sealed food items that are not expired. Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you!

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 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 on July 30 and August 6.*

OUR SABBATH MONTH & CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK

United, we will be taking the month of July off from all committee meetings as a concerted effort to rest as a church. This will culminate with a church wide potluck in Billings Park at Pavilion 1 this Thursday, July 20 at 5:30 PM. Please bring a plate, utensils, and cup as well as a dish or dessert to share. Some food and snacks (as well as backup utensils and plates) will be provided by the church. We will have Cornhole and a few other games to be played as well. We hope to see everyone there. Last years potluck was amazing and we are hoping for a great time again. The address to find Billings Park is: 14 Billings Drive, Superior, WI.

GROWING THE ESSENTIA HOSPICE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We are looking for more amazing hospice volunteers for the following positions: Office support, companionship and caregiver respite, Solvay house volunteers, bereavement callers, skilled musicians, cribbage players, 11th hour support, seamsters and knitters. If you know of anyone who is interested in volunteering with Essentia Hospice, have them connect with us at hospiceduluthvs@essentiahealth.org or 218-786-4020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating UPC's 25th Anniversary the evening of October 7th, at Barker's Island Inn. Plan on enjoying dinner and dessert with your United Family. More info to come this fall!

SUPERIOR REBUILD FORMS

If you or someone you know is in need of a assistance with a large scale or small scale project, such as home repairs or upgrades, Superior Rebuild would like to help! There are forms available at the back of the narthex that can be filled out with details about the work that needs to be done. Once they are filled out, feel free to put them into the offering plate, mailbox, or in the office. You may also scan and email the form to the office if that is convenient for you.

CASDA VISIT

Desiree Otterino, the Housing First Program Coordinator at CASDA will be joining us again on August 6th for an Adult Education opportunity following the church service. To any who expressed interest in volunteering during her visit on Sunday, July 9th, there are volunteer applications available in the narthex or in the office.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

As the back to school ads appear, please look for the following items for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance School bags.

1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tips)

3—70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages

1—30-centimeter ruler (12")

1—hand-held pencil sharpener

~~6—new pencils with erasers (unsharpened)~~

1—large eraser

1—box of 24 crayons

We have the bags ready to be filled. You will also see bags hanging around the sanctuary. If you would like to sponsor a bag instead of going shopping for these items, you may put money into the bags around the sanctuary during the offering or moment for mission.

Thank You!

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, July 14th, 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.

To Bless the Earth

(Psalm 65)

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1 To bless the earth God sends us from
2 The seed by God pro-vid-ed is
3 God crowns the year with good-ness; the
4 With grain the fields are cov-ered; the

heaven's a-bun-dant store the wa-ters of the
sown o'er hill and plain, and then come gen-tle
earth God's mer-cy fills; the wil-der-ness is
flocks in pas-tures graze; all na-ture joins in

spring-time, en-rich-ing it once more.
show-ers to bless the spring-ing grain.
fruit-ful, and joy-ful are the hills.
sing-ing a joy-ful song of praise.

We Are One in the Spirit

300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

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

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,

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) D^b (Em) Fm
And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm
love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) B \flat (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F (Em) Gm (D) F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) F (G) B \flat (C) E \flat (G) B \flat (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) C7 (D) F (F \sharp) A (Bm) Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) Dm7 (D) F (Bdim7) Ddim7 (Em7) Gm7 (Dm)(A7)(D) Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

1. Tell me the sto - ry of Je - sus, write on my heart ev - ery word;
2. Fast - ing a - lone in the des - ert, tell of the days that are past;
3. Tell of the cross where they nailed Him, with - ing in an - guish and pain;
Tell me the sto - ry of Je - sus, write on my heart ev - ery word;

tell me the sto - ry most pre - cious, sweet - est that ev - er was heard.
how for our sins He was tempt - ed, yet was tri - um - phant at last.
tell of the grave where they laid Him, tell how He liv - eth a - gain.
tell me the sto - ry most pre - cious, sweet - est that ev - er was heard.

Tell how the an - gels, in cho - rus, sang as they wel - comed His birth,
Tell of the years of His la - bor, tell of the sor - row He bore;
Love in that sto - ry so ten - der, clear - er than ev - er I see;

"Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Peace and good tid - ings to earth."
He was de - spised and af - flict - ed, home - less, re - ject - ed, and poor.
stay, let me weep while you whis - per, love paid the ran - som for me.

Fine

D.C.

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.