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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 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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Online Worship

Psalm Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:00 AM

**A CONGREGATION OF THE
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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

PROCESSIONAL: BELLS Hosanna Chimes

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray...

All: Savior, you show up in the spectacular and in the most unlikely places.

One: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna in the highest! You are in the mundane too. In our daily dog walks, at the breakfast table, and even at work we can find you.

One: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna in the highest! We admit, sometimes we want you to be a spectacular savior. Sometimes, we want you to be larger than life. This is true even though you tell us to seek you in the ordinary.

One: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna in the highest! What we cry out for many times isn't what we truly need or what you call us to. Forgive and shape us. Change our hearts so we might seek you everywhere. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: United, not only does Christ meet us in the mundane but even when we ignore the signs, don't take the call, and ignore the text God still shows up in each and every one of our lives. God's presence is not determined by if we pay attention. God's promise is to always be there whether we're aware of it or not. Know that when we disregard the signs and start looking for God in the wrong places, God's still active in our lives. Know that today 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!"**

***RESPONSE** O Lord, Our Lord #613

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

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament Reading

Tom Vosburgh
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM On That Day

SERMON Palm Branches: Mundane Meetings With God
Rev. Brett M Foote

New Testament Reading John 12: 12-16

***HYMN** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #197

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***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 palm branches and the passerby, thank you for the gifts of love and sacrifice before us, thank you for making yourself known to us and healing us in Jesus! Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized or hurt by society. Help us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we model your expansive justice and love. Send your powerful Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for each of our communities: Superior, Duluth, and Calumet. We want others to know your "love that goes into the far country." Amen.

Prayers to Be Shared- Please email or call the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section on 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** All Glory, Laud, and Honor #196

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN UP TODAY

Sign-up for the UPC Community Garden continues today. The mission of this project (now in its third year) is to address food insecurity in the Twin Ports, in keeping with Jesus's words in Matthew 25:35a: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Only a couple of containers remain available to adopt. Other things you can sign up for: help take down existing fencing, build a new fence, or blanch and freeze vegetables come harvest time. We will also be helping with the Great Lakes Elementary raised bed next door this year and are seeking to put together a small team to undertake that task. Stop by the sign-up table after today's service!

BOY SCOUT FISH FRY STARTS ON MARCH 1ST

Join our Scouting Troup for this Year's Lenten Fish Fries. The Last meal is March 29th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Age 12 and up, \$15.00
Age 4-11, \$10.00
Age 3 and under, free.

CRAFTERS GROUP

Please join us in the craft room every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to come and work on our quilting project, or bring their own. Come for the fellowship!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We will be taking a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing today that can help with hunger, disaster, and development. Please see this Sunday's insert for more details.

HOLY WEEK STARTS TODAY

Holy Week at UPC begins today with our Palm Sunday service (w/palms). Holy Week continues with our Maundy Thursday service on March 28th, at 6:30PM (Child care service is available on Maundy Thursday). We will celebrate Good Friday with the churches of Superior at Pilgrim Lutheran on Friday, March 29th at 6:00PM. There will also be a community choir opportunity for Good Friday. Our Easter Sunday will be full beginning with a Sunrise service at Wisconsin Point lot # 1 at roughly 6:45AM followed by brunch at 8:30AM, a kids Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15AM, Worship at 10:00AM, and Children's Church at 10:15 AM.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 12: 12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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>

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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 lmfoote.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**

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, March 22nd, 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.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 3/24

8:45 AM Bell Choir
10:00 AM Morning Worship
10:15 AM Children's Church
2:00 PM Rampage Softball
6:00 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 3/25

6:00 PM Rampage Softball
6:15 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 3/26

10:00 AM Pickleball
6:00 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 3/27

10:00 AM Crafter Group

THURSDAY 3/28

10:00 AM Pickleball
4:30 PM Mission Committee
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY 3/29

5:00 PM Boy Scouts Fish Fry
6:00 PM Combined Good Friday Service @ Pilgrim Lutheran

SATURDAY 3/30

1:00 PM Eagle Ceremony

Birthdays This Week

3/30 Karen Johnson

LOOKING AHEAD

March 28th– Maundy Thursday
March 29th– Last Boy Scout's Fish Fry
March 29th– Good Friday
March 31st– Easter Sunday

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

613

O Lord, Our Lord How Majestic Is Your Name

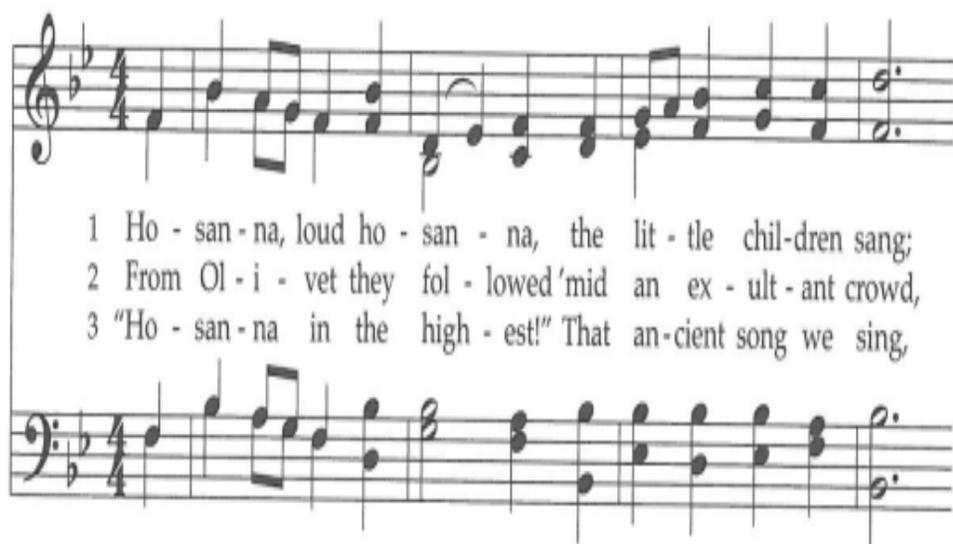
O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your name in all the

1 earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O

Lord, we mag - ni - fy your name: Prince of Peace, might - y

God; O Lord God Al - might - y.

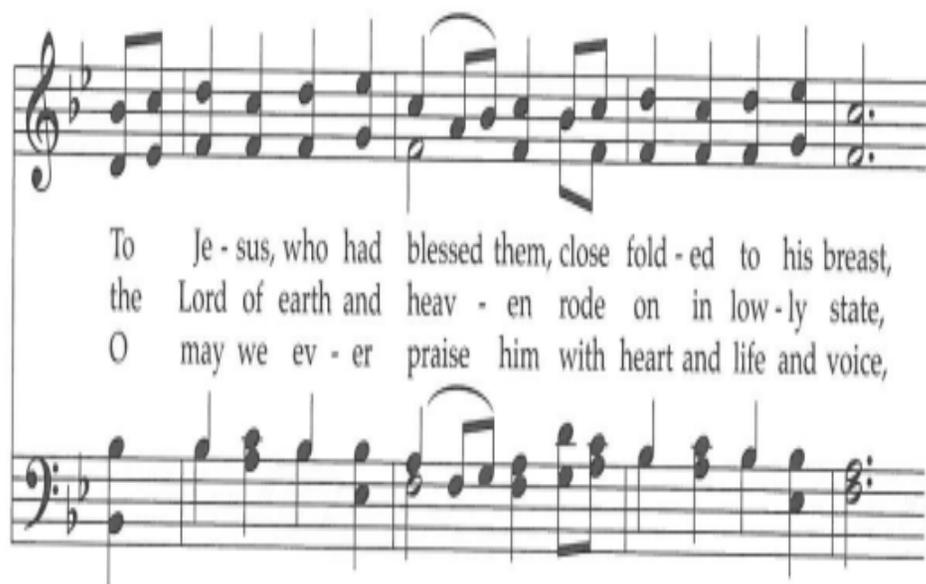
197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



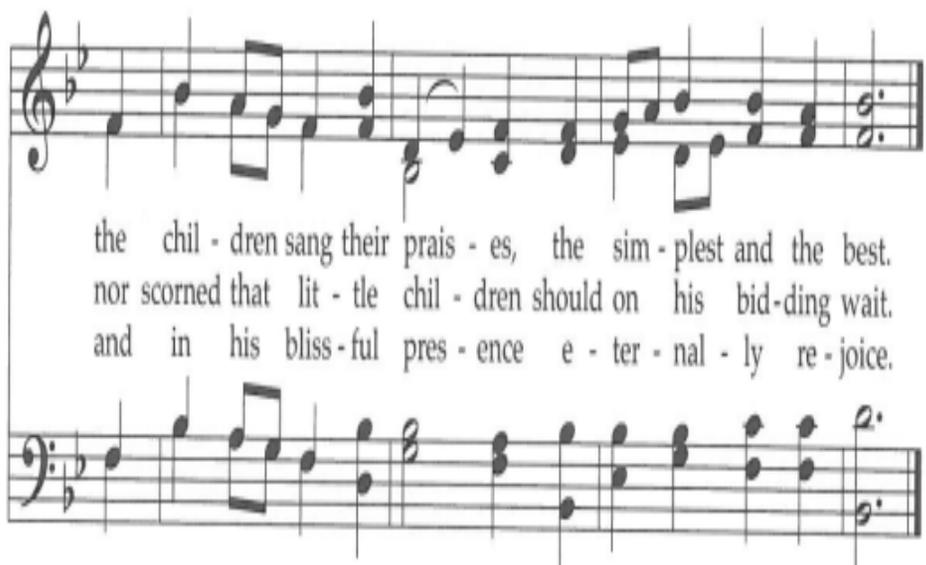
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.