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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5th, 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** Come Into God's Presence #413

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 150)**

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God in this sanctuary;

One: Praise God for the ways we have been saved and rescued from destruction.

All: Praise God with the tambourine and dance;

One: Praise God with the bells and with our voices.

All: Praise God, with our lives, our voices, with everything we have.

***HYMN** Come, Christians, Join to Sing #267

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray. God of righteousness...

All: You call us to love people and proclaim good news.

One: You shape us into vessels of your love.

All: You have called us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

One: God, we are not always the people you intended us to be, we don't always act in ways which honor and reflect you.

All: Forgive us God. We often do not cast a light of love or provide the real flavor you intended us to offer. We are often salty in all of the wrong ways.

One: God, you make us into beautiful lights that shine your love. You give us the unique zest in life that distinguishes us as followers of your son, Jesus.

All: Praise you God, for calling us to be salt and light! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: ...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 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 He Came Down #137

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM Sing Out Your Songs, Christians of the World

SERMON "Unfilled Lamps: Choosing Humanity Everywhere"

Rev. Brett M Foote

Matthew 5:13-20

New Testament Reading

***CONFESSION OF BELHAR (Abridged by Pastor Brett)**

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. This unity between people and God must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN** O Word of God Incarnate #459

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: Zesty and bright God, 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Holy Communion

COMMUNION HYMN Come to the Table of Grace (vs.1-3) #507

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

EUCCHARISTIC 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; 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

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 at home, 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 one another or yourself 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. Here at the church we invite you to come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.

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.

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

***CLOSING HYMN**

I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me #700

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil



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.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 2/5

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Confirmation
10:00 AM Morning Worship
2 PM Building Reserved
6 PM Volleyball
6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 2/6

4 PM Fellowship and Outreach
4-4:30 PM Piano Lessons
7:30-8:30 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 2/7

3:45 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Pickleball
4:30 PM Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY 2/8

12 PM Staff Meeting
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
3:45 PM Piano Lessons
6:30 PM Personnel Committee

THURSDAY 2/9

5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
6 PM Buildings and Grounds
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 2/10

SATURDAY 2/11

Birthdays This Week

2/6 Tom Vosburgh
2/7 Linda Wigchers
2/10 Bryce Brittan
2/10 Jason Matthias
2/10 Robert Okash
2/11 Rosa Palmer

LOOKING AHEAD

February 13-20
February 22

Pastor Out—Cont. Ed
Ash Wednesday

KING
The Truth
JESUS
CHRIST CRUCIFIED
*The
Light
The Lamb
The Alpha and the Omega
Immanuel
THE WAY

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 5:13-20

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, February 3rd, 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

BUMP SET SPIKE BY JAY

We had 14 for UPC Volleyball on January 29th. Our Co-MVPs this week were Jeff Olson and Justin, who had great blocks and spikes!

PW VALENTINES DAY PARTY

The Presbyterian Women would like to invite the ladies of the church to come for coffee and goodies on February 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. This is not a PW meeting, but a gathering to celebrate Valentine's Day with friends. All ladies are welcome. We hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAT TUESDAY FEAST

On 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!

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 is no Children's Church this Sunday.*

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 February 12th.

NOTE FROM SUSAN

Dear ones, I am starting to run short on card for all occasions. Would you be able to find some greeting cards for my use? Thank you.
Agape, Susan Litehiser

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>

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Deacons Meeting	2 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 PM AA Meeting	3	4 6 PM AA Speaker Meeting
5 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:45 AM Confirmation 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	6 4 PM F&O Meeting 4-4:30 PM Piano Lessons 7:30-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	7 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball 4:30 PM Worship Committee	8 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 6:30 PM Personnel Committee	9 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6 PM B&G Meeting 7 PM AA Meeting	10	11
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Come into God's Presence 413



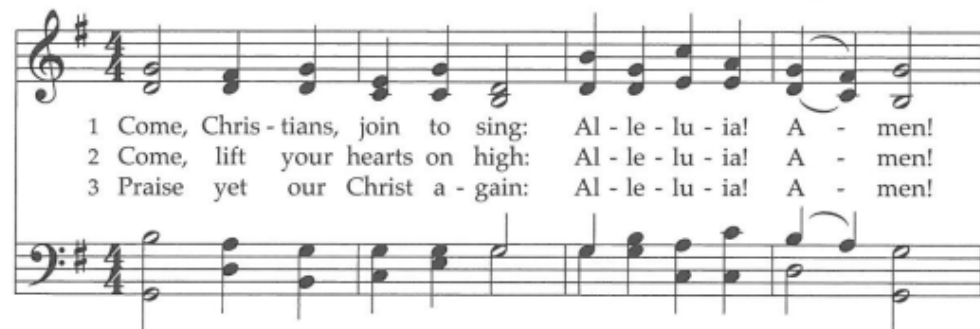
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 2 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Je - sus is Lord,
 3 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Wor - thy the Lamb,
 4 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Glo - ry to God,



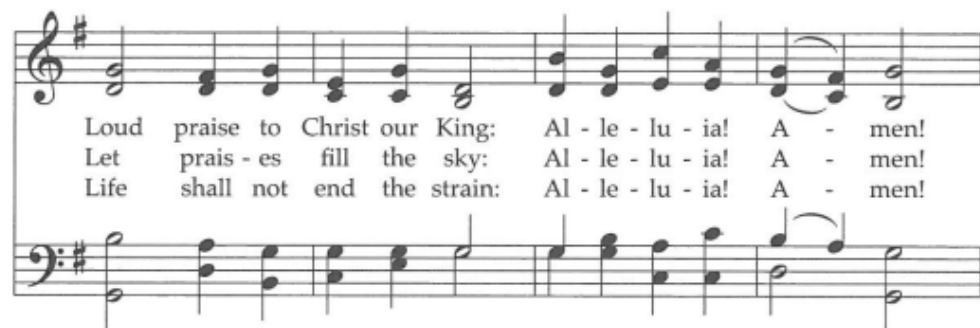
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 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God."

**May be sung as a canon.*

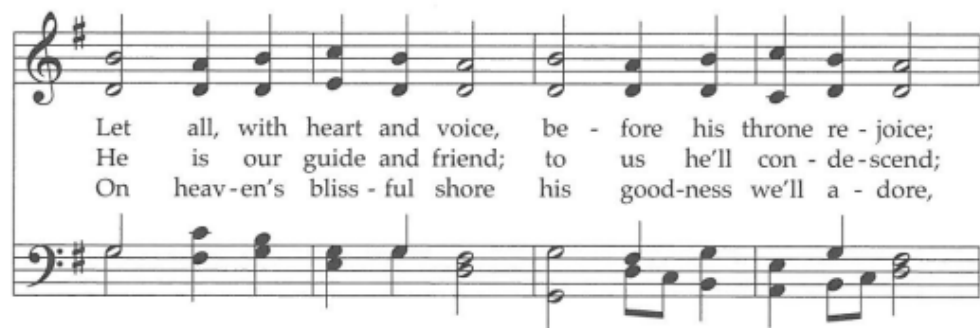
267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

He Came Down

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He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Leader: Why did he come?

Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light
... that we may have peace
... that we may have joy

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O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in-car-nate, O Wis-dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Sav-ior, re-ceived this gift di-vine;
3 O make your church, dear Sav-ior, a lamp of pur-est gold

O Truth un-changed, un-chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift-ed on all the earth to shine.
to bear be-fore the na-tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra-diance that from the hal-lowed page,
It is the chart and com-pass that, all life's voy-age through,
O teach your wan-dering pil-grims by this our path to trace,

a lan-tern to our foot-steps, shines on from age to age.
a-mid the rocks and quick-sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and storms thus end-ed, we see you face to face.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) B \flat

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) C (D) F (A) C (D) F (Em) Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) F/A (G) B \flat (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

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

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