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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:

<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

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Online Worship

November 7th, 2021

10:00 a.m.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

**PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alex Sandor

***INTROIT The Steadfast Love of the Lord x3 #59**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 104)**

One: God, our God, how great you are! You are beautifully, gloriously robed.

All: You are dressed up in sunshine, and all of heaven stretched out for your tent.

One: You set earth on a firm foundation so that nothing can shake it, ever.

All: Oh yes, God brings grain from the land and wine to make us happy. Our faces sometimes glow with health, when we are a people well-fed.

One: What a wildly wonderful world you have made, O God!

All: You made it all, with Wisdom at your side. Oh, let us sing to God all our lives long, sing hymns to our God as long as we live!

***HYMN Kum ba ya (Come by Here) #472**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of the oppressed:

Sometimes, despite our best efforts as a church, we are wasteful with the resources we have.

Sometimes we regard those with less, as less than.

Sometimes we regard those who give more as those who are more valuable.

In those times, we sin.

We want to be good stewards of your resources.

We want to regard people as you know them, beloved children.

Help us to love others in such a way that they feel your love in every thought, word, and deed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Robert Frost provides grace in his poem *Money* where he writes: "Never ask of money spent. Where the spender thinks it went. Nobody was ever meant, to remember or invent, what they did with every cent."

Frost reminds us that though our calling is to examine the ways in which we give and the places we give to, even if we aren't perfect in this endeavor, it is ok. God has grace for us because we weren't made to be perfect, but made to be whole. Know that, 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.**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may connect with others in a way that is comfortable with you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Laura Foote

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Jennifer Willoughby

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

SERMON Joy & Lament: A Widow's Faith & Nonprofit Corruption

New Testament Reading

Rev. Brett M. Foote

Mark 12:38-13:2

***HYMN When The Poor Ones #762**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH¹**

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

A Modern Affirmation of Faith

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

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

**OFFERING
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE**

Alex Sandor
#607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who calls us to examine our efforts, 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 as we examine where they go and may we be generous neighbors. May new life thrive in each heart and may we in our giving be a part of that. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Holy Communion

COMMUNION HYMN

Come to the Table of Grace vs 1,2, &3

#507

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. 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

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 take your individual cups as you come into the church, and follow the above pattern.

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 the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

***CLOSING HYMN**

You Shall Go Out With Joy

#80

***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

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.'

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 12:38-13:2

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

Session unanimously voted to encourage masking for all people due to the rise of variants in neighboring counties. We will continue to sing in worship, but we encourage the use of masks during all parts of the service, for all people, vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Session is hoping that, with the proper precautions, we can continue to worship safely in person.

ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **hand warmers, mittens, hats, wool socks, and scarves** to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Today is the last day to turn in your Christmas Basket forms. There are still some at the back of the Narthex that you can fill out and put in the offering plate, or the link below will take you to a google form you can fill out. Christmas Basket Form: <https://forms.gle/n6b1KQAzCTXsm2x27>

COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE REQUEST

The Community Garden Committee requests your assistance. The committee will soon be starting a "crowdfunding" campaign to help fund the UPC Community Garden. More details will be announced about this campaign next Sunday, but right now, we need two or three photos for the campaign webpage. So, if you are willing, please come out to the parking lot after the worship service today, and we'll make photos of folks gathered around some of the pots we'll be using for the garden, etc. Thanks in advance for your help!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will be played every Sunday between 6pm -730pm in the UPC gym. The church suggests you wear a mask, especially if you have not been vaccinated. Come join the fun and bring another player along.

GET TO KNOW UNITED

If you've been curious to get to know who we are and what we are about at United, Pastor Brett will be leading a group for this very purpose soon. Date is TBD. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues to take place every week in the Sunday School room on Sundays at 9:15 AM. All Elementary age kids are welcome to join us!

CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir rehearsals will take place Sundays at 8:45 AM, and Bell Choir will rehearse at 11:45 AM. This Sunday, November 7th, there will be **NO Chancel Choir or Bell Choir**.

NOTICE FROM PHYLLIS FLAHERTY

Tom & I will be making Belgian Cookies to sell again this year starting Nov 21. They will still be \$5.00 for two dozen, and the money generated will be given to the UPC Women's group.

I will bring a basket of packaged cookies each Sunday starting Nov. 21 through Dec.19th. If you wish to pre-order my phone # is 715-398-6021. E-mail: pflaherty12@charter.net and I am also on Facebook.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will begin next Sunday, November 14th, at 11:30 AM. The rest of the dates are still TBD.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 11/7

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Morning Worship
6 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 11/8

3:45-8 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 11/9

4-8 PM Piano Lessons
4:15 PM Kitchen Equipment Meeting

WEDNESDAY 11/10

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
3-7 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM F&O Meeting
6:15 PM Finance Meeting
4-6 PM CSA Pickup

Birthdays This Week

11/9 Ian McCumber
11/10 Nathan Anderson
11/10 Kathy Mehr Jensen
11/10 Mary Kay Coone
11/12 Piper Carswell

THURSDAY 11/11

6:30 PM B&G Meeting (In person & Zoom)
6:30 PM CYF Meeting
7 PM AA Meetings

FRIDAY 11/12

SATURDAY 11/13

LOOKING AHEAD

November 14 Hotdish Initiative
November 14 Confirmation Begins
November 21 Community Dinner

59 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

(Psalm 105)

Refrain Capo 1: (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)
E^b E^b/G A^b B^b7sus B^b



The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your
faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

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Kum ba Yah

1 *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba
 2 Some - one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's
 3 Some - one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's
 4 Some - one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's

yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord,
 cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's cry - ing, Lord,
 sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's sing - ing, Lord,
 pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's pray - ing, Lord,

kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

*Come by here

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When the Poor Ones

Quando el pobre

1 When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,
 2 When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,
 3 When our joy fills up our cup to o - ver - flow - ing,
 4 When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,

1 Cuan - do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,
 2 Cuan - do un hom - bre su - fre y lo - gra su con - sue - lo,
 3 Cuan - do cre - ce la a - le - gría y nos i - nun - da,
 4 Cuan - do a - bun - da el bien y lle - na los ho - ga - res,

when the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all,
 when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,
 when our lips can speak no words oth - er than true,
 when we learn how to make peace in - stead of war,
 cuan - do un hom - bre pa - sa sed y a - gua nos da,
 cuan - do es - pe - ra y no se can - sa de es - pe - rar,
 cuan - do di - cen nues - tros la - bios la ver - dad,
 cuan - do un hom - bre don - de hay gue - rra po - ne paz,

when the crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,
 when we love though hate at times seems all a - round us,
 when we know that love for sim - ple things is bet - ter,
 when each strang - er that we meet is called a neigh - bor,
 cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce,
 cuan - do a - ma - mos, aun - que el o - dio nos ro - dé - e,
 cuan - do a - ma - mos el sen - tir de los sen - ci - llos,
 cuan - do "her - ma - no" le lla - ma - mos al ex - tra - ño,

Refrain / Estribillo

then we know that God still goes that road with us,
 va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.

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Come to the Table of Grace 507

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

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the
 ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's
 not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

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

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b F

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...

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;
 the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -
 fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the
 trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
 And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
 the trees of the field will clap their hands;
 the trees of the field will clap their hands
 while you go out with joy.

G C G D

B N.C. Em B7 Em

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

D7 N.C. G C G D

D7 G D7 G

C G D

B7 Em B7 Em

*Clap hands.