

HELPFUL TO KNOW

If you'd like to join virtually, please connect with the following link:
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>
(If you are here in person we offer hearing assistance devices-see technology desk.)

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. You may 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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Church Secretary

Custodian

Financial Secretary

Interim Director of Spiritual Formation

Nursery Coordinators

Organist & Pianist

Pastor

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Online Worship

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 9th, 2026

10:00 AM

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** When Morning Gilds the Skies #667

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God, we give thanks and praise for Your Son Jesus.

All: He calms the storm, He heals, He meets us and our neighbors where we are.

One: Christ is good. Christ is God. Christ is in the life of our neighbor.

All: Yet, we don't always look at our neighbors and the storms of our lives with the intention to see Christ.

One: Forgive us God for not expecting You. Spirit, we ask that You would move and push us to witness Your Son in all places and in all people.

All: Forgive us for forgetting Your presence and not looking for You in the storm.

One: Bless us, Holy God. Bless those around us too.

All: In the name of that same Jesus we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: United, we can't lie to ourselves or to others.

All: We miss the mark at times.

One: God, despite any and all of our shortcomings, shows up in our lives.

All: God's continually doing God's thing. God's doing a new thing.

One: Even when we miss God's presence, God is good and God forgives us.

All: God forgives us.

One: Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: 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** We've Come This Far by Faith #656

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deborah Schlacks

Old Testament Jeremiah 29:4-7

Sermon in everywhere we look, in everyone we meet: Christ, Christ, Christ
The Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament

Matthew 14:22-33

***HYMN** Come! Live in the Light! #749

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION Cheri Tesarek

**OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** God, We Honor You #709

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God in the chaos and in the eyes of our neighbors, thank You for Your presence in our lives. We give thanks for all of these gifts that allow us to love and serve You and our Twin Ports community. May we go out, really go out and serve our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from, with care and Your peace. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. We give You thanks Christ. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for this congregation, city of Superior, and world. Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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**

***SONG** Thank You for Being a Friend

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC JOB OPENINGS

Do you love working with children and helping them grow in faith? 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 5-1 last week and is 47-19 overall. Nick had some nice diving digs! This weeks game is at 8:20 PM. Come on out to Aces and cheer on the Burnin' Beets!

PDA BAGS

The back to school sales are coming up so we can buy the supplies listed below on sale. Each bag will include the following below. We are looking to fill 50 bags. Contact the office with any questions. Thank you!

- 1- Blunt scissors (rounded tip)- *6
- 3- 70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)- *58
- 30 centimeter ruler (12 inch)- *64
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener- *12
- 6 new pencils with erasers— *60
- 1 large eraser-*3
- 1 box of 24 crayons- *5

*What we currently have of each item.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Join us on 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, and keep an eye out for the upcoming sign-up sheet. Contact Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003, or the office with any questions.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 29:4-7

29:4 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: **5** Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. **6** Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. **7** But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 14:22-33

14:22 Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. **23** And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, **24** but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. **25** And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. **26** But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. **27** But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." **28** Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." **29** He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. **30** But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" **31** Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" **32** When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. **33** And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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.
- Ghana Mission Network Conference—Will be held at UPC August 13–16. We're excited to host people from around the country and Ghana. Volunteer opportunities include set-up, serving, and clean-up after meals, the registration table, preparing welcome bags, providing transportation, hosting participants, and welcoming guests. Sign-up for volunteering is available in the narthex. All are invited to attend the meeting, whether it is for one or two sessions or for the entire program. Program details are available at: www.upc-superior.com/ghana-mission-network.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/9

8:45 AM Spiritual Formation
Potluck—After Worship

TUESDAY 8/11

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:15 PM Worship Committee

THURSDAY 8/13

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SATURDAY 8/15

*GMNC

MONDAY 8/10

4:00 PM Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY 8/12

10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
8:20 PM Volleyball @ Aces

FRIDAY 8/14

*GMNC

*The full schedule for the Ghana Mission Network Conference can be found at:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/ghana-mission-network-schedule>

Birthdays This Week

8/9—Jackie Pananen
8/11—Sandy LeMieux
8/13—Cliff Pananen
8/13—Mary Voss
8/15—Dorothy Granfors

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>

United- (Let is make us united)

written by Cheri Tesarek & Pastor Brett Foote

Verse 1

Lord, open our ears
To listen for love
In the world all around us
To hear, children laugh, hear birds sing
Voices raised up in song
and the wind through the trees
Let us hear those voices in need
Those voices that plead,
Out in hunger and sorrow
Voices that weep, that cry out for help
Those fearing tomorrow
When we hear, let it move us to act,
Make a plan, be excited
Doing Your work
For our neighbors in need
Let it bring us together
Let it make us United.

Verse 2

Lord, open our eyes
To witness Your love
In the world all around us.
To see, children play, seasons change,
Sunrise painting the sky
the smiles of loved ones.
Let us see those neighbors in need
Those eyes saying please
I'm so hungry and tired
Eyes full of tears, shut tight against pain
Who no visions inspire
When we see, let it move us to act
Help and not be short-sighted
Doing Your work for neighbors in need
Let it bring us together
Let it make us United

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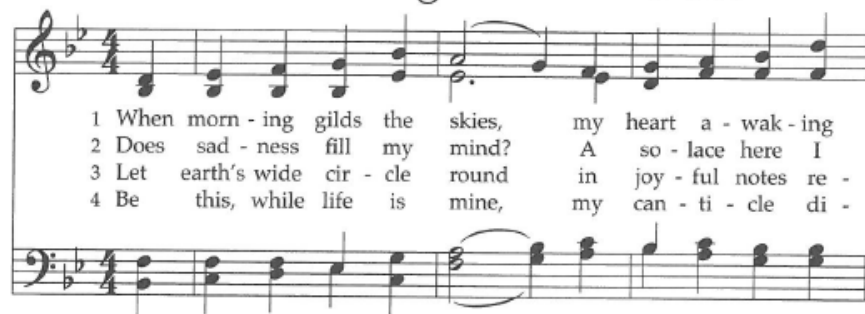
Verse 3

Lord, open our hands
To reach out in love
In the world all around us
To hold, babies safe in our arms
To give hugs and hold hands
To make gifts from the heart
Let us hold our neighbors in need
Break chains so they're freed
Open doors, let them enter
Those who are weak and tremble with pain
Need hands that are tender
With our hands, Let it move us to act
Making all feel invited
Doing Your work
Welcome everyone in
Let it bring us together
Let it make us United

Verse 4

Lord, open our hearts
To give of ourselves to the world all around us
To love, all Your people as one
Giving glory to You
With the joy in our hearts
Let us help our neighbors in need
As we honor Your creed
To Your Gospel be true
We will lift up and give all that we can
With all glory to You
With our Love, let it move us to act
Let our beacon be lighted
Doing Your work
For Your guidance we pray
Let it bring us together
Let it make us United.

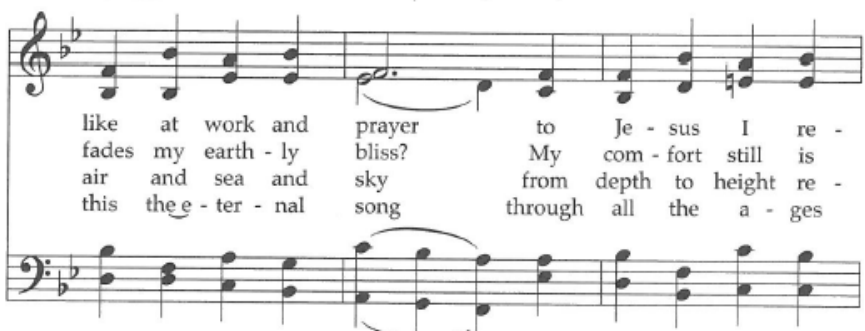
667 When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -



cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be



like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges



pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

We've Come This Far by Faith 656



We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,



trust-ing in the ho - ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.



O, can't turn a - round, we've come this



far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

709 God, We Honor You

God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.

God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.

Take what we bring, of - fered to you.

Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

*May be sung as a canon.

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)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

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)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

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