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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

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old.

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 for Children's Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the worship service. 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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Online Worship

5th Sunday in Eastertide

May 18th, 2025

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** God of Great and God of Small #19

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God of our dreams...

All: You give us dreams and visions. You show us the paths to life and your presence fills us with joy.

One: We confess that at times we have ignored them or disregarded them entirely.

All: We confess that the dreams you've shared sometimes make us uncomfortable.

One: Forgive us for building walls...

All: When wider tables is what you, O Christ have called us to construct.

One: Help us, O God to become more and more like the beloved community you desire. Give us incredible clarity.

All: Holy Spirit move and shake us awake! Give us dreams and visions, help us to make them realities... Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON & DECLARATION**

One: Friends, you may have disregarded dreams in the past but you will dream again. God will show up. God has shown up. God will show up again. God is transforming your life, the life of your family, your neighborhood and this community through you and your neighbor. Turn to your neighbor and tell them...

All: God has given you a dream. You are called to share that dream with others and share God's mercy.

One: No matter how much we've disregarded God in the past, God is still doing a new thing.

All: We are forgiven from all that was, all that is, and all that will be because of Christ and his birth life, sacrifice, and resurrection. 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** Rain Down (3x) #48

BELL CHOIR We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dave Larson

Old Testament

Psalm 148: 1-14

SERMON Keep Dreaming: The Widening Of God's Mercy & Community
Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament

Acts 11: 1-15, 18

***HYMN** All Things Bright and Beautiful #20

MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** In the Bulb There Is a Flower #250

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God and giver of dreams, may we be agents of your grace. Aid us in widening the table and reminding us always to set it up for unexpected guests. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they're from. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures. May we model your expansive justice and love Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. May we live your "YES!" towards all people. Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

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 (2x) #80

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY GARDEN KICK-OFF TODAY!

It's time to kick off the 2025 Community Garden season. So please join us after today's service for a salad-and-dessert potluck in the fellowship hall. Come one, come all! Then, at 11:30, gardening expert Mark Johnson, co-owner of Alchemy (aka The Good Garden Company), will give a talk in the youth room on gardening basics.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Presbyterian Women are holding a rummage sale on Friday, May 30 from 3-6 and Saturday, May 31 from 8-12. Set up will be on Thursday, May 29. Start setting aside your unwanted and unneeded items. Do not bring your items to the church before May 25. No electronics!

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>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 11: 1-15,18

11:1 Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. **2** So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, **3** saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" **4** Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, **5** "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. **6** As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. **7** I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' **8** But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' **9** But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' **10** This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. **11** At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. **12** The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. **13** He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; **14** he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' **15** And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. **18** When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 148: 1-14

148:1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! **2** Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! **3** Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! **4** Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens! **5** Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. **6** He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. **7** Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, **8** fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! **9** Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! **10** Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! **11** Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! **12** Young men and women alike, old and young together! **13** Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. **14** He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

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.
- Community Dinner—Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August.
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp—Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee. Questions? Contact Eric Schlacks 218-269-6678.
- Community Garden*—Help plan and carry out the UPC Community Garden project, which provides vegetables for UPC Community Dinners and Great Lakes Elementary students. Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! You will serve with a Nursery Coordinator once or twice a month (your choice). *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church—Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith during Children's Church! This takes place during the Sunday service. You can volunteer once or twice a month (your choice). *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.
- Volleyball—Will continue again in the fall.
- Men's Breakfast—First Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM. Contact Tom Lisak (218-348-5390) with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women—Meetings are 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.
- Hike Bear Creek Trail—Join us for a hike next Sunday, May 25, at 12:00 PM. Meet at Bear Creek Park located in Superior. Questions? Contact Debbie Bergstrom at 218-269-4679.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 5/18

8:45 AM Bell Choir
Coffee Hour

TUESDAY 5/20

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY 5/22

UPBeat Deadline
10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

FRIDAY 5/23

SATURDAY 5/24

MONDAY 5/19

3:30 PM Piano Lessons
6:01 PM Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 5/21

10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:15 PM Session Meeting

Birthdays This Week

5/19—Trent Anderson

5/20—Pam McGraw

5/22—Dorothy Burriss

Rain Down

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Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)

F A7 Dm F7 Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your

(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)

F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)

F7 Bb Gm C7 Bb F

down; rain down your love, God of life.

God of Great and God of Small 19

C F C F G

1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,

C F C Am G Dsus D G

God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain

Am Em F C/E Dm G C

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

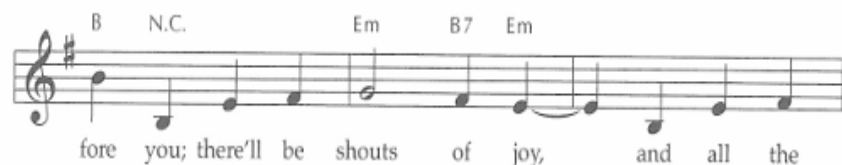
The Trees of the Field



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

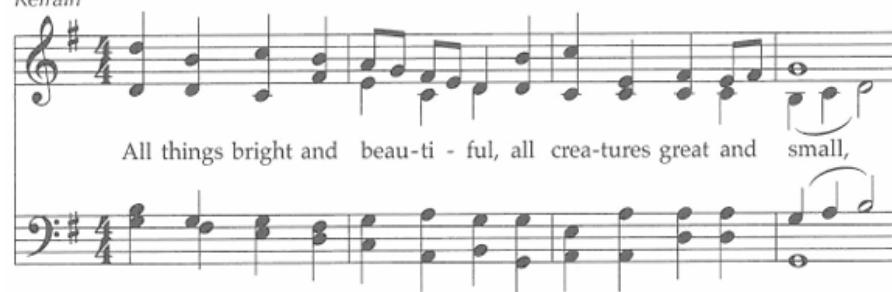


while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

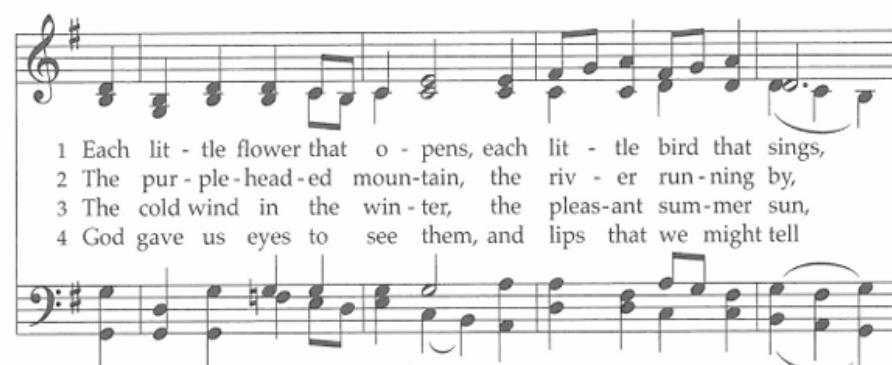
Refrain



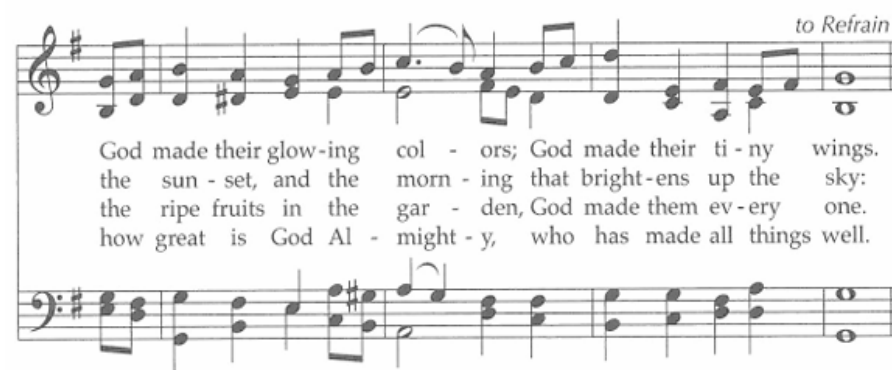
All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev-ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*