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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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31st, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Alex Sandor

*INTROIT Seek Ye First #175

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 133)

One: How very good and pleasant it is... All: When kindred live together in unity!

One: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the

All: On the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

*HYMN Come Live in the Light #749

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ADORATION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who was vulnerable, we adore you. We adore Jesus who lived as fully God and fully human embracing a vulnerability. We praise you that he was tempted as we are and endured. We confess God that there is a lot of shame in our lives. We confess that when we have a need we are often afraid to speak of it out loud. We confess to not sharing our burdens. We confess to brushing off other's burdens. Forgive us for shaming others and creating a culture of shame in the church and in society. Cultivate us so that we may live with an unembarrassed boldness with you and with others. May we always ask for what we need. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Rita Benton wrote in her poem *Our Daily Bread*: "Give us this day our daily bread/ Give us our right,' the hungry said./ Walking along the darkening way, / 'Give us our daily bread' we say. / Hark to the tread of sullen feet,/ marching down the sleety street:/ Hunger staggers along the way/'Give us our bread and work—today!'/ Swaying banners overhead/ 'Give us this day our daily bread.'/ Masses of men and women throng—/ Living witness of living wrong./ 'Work, not charity!' is the cry./ Is it sincere—I know not, I!/ What can I give but some small dole?/ But—will that satisfy my soul? Buffeting through the wind and rain, They will pass

again and again,'

Benton is describing the scenes of what has come to be known as the "Hunger Parade" of the unemployed that took place in Chicago in 1915. The cries of the protesters are biblical "Give us this day our daily bread!" They march with an unembarrassed boldness of what they want. They want food on their plates and in their stomachs. They want work. Rita questions if their cries are true, but she is moved to share what she has. There is absolutely nothing wrong with the desire for food and the ability to take care of ones self. Not all of us have cried out with such vulnerability before due to shame. However, God promises to forgive us and provide for us even when we don't live with an unembarrassed boldness. 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, "Christ be with you." In response you may say "And also with you!" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. In person, say hello to others and connect. Please minimize contact.)

RESPONSE (Children please come forward at this time): He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's Got the Wind and the Rain in His Hands He's Got Everybody in His Hands

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Laura Foote

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 85:1-13

SERMON "Shameless: Knocking At The Door At 3:00 a.m."

New Testament Reading

Rev. Brett M Foote Luke 11:1-9

*HYMN Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #727

*APOSTLES CREED

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, sufféred under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING MOMENT FOR MISSION OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor #607

*RESPONSE 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 of unembarrassed boldness, 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 love alongside our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of your gifts and may we be loving neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. May we live with your mercy and grace. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know your love and grace. In the name of the Holy Trinity, 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 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 Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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*BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 85:1-13

To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm. Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

Selah

You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation towards us.
Will you be angry with us for ever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 11:1-9

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 7/31 10:00 AM Morning Worship 6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 8/1

TUESDAY 8/2 10 AM Pickleball 3-7 PM Piano Lessons 4:30 PM Worship Committee 6 PM Softball @ 58th St Field 1

WEDNESDAY 8/3

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3 PM Fellowship and Outreach Meeting

4 PM Deacons Meeting

THURSDAY 8/4 6 PM Church Wide Potluck/Picnic 7 PM AA Meeting

August 4

FRIDAY 8/5

SATURDAY 8/6 6 PM AA Speaker Meeting Birthdays This Week

7/31 Lorraine Little 8/1 Jane Wester 8/2 Jay Hecht 8/3 Deja Anderson

LOOKING AHEAD

Church Wide Potluck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

We are currently encouraging masking. There is no longer a hiatus on eating together.

Session will continue to monitor the situation through the Public Health Department of Douglas County.

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

The nursery is now staffed 15 minutes before the service until 15 minutes after for children from new born up through 4 years old. The nursery is located to the left of the Narthex when facing the front, through the two glass doors, and it is the first door on the right.

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!

COMMUNITY GARDEN GOING STRONG; COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The UPC Community Garden is going strong! Crops are springing up apace, and fencing has recently been erected around our various garden containers to keep the critters away from them. Take a look when you're at church. With all that in mind, the Garden Committee is looking to expand so that all these efforts are well supported. If you are interested in helping with this year's gardening and in planning for next year's, please consider joining us. We meet on the first Monday of each month (except July) at 4 pm (but would be open to moving the meeting time if a new member could not meet then). Not sure if you want to join? Contact Deborah Schlacks at 218-348-6032 or at desertswan@aol.com for more information, or come to our next meeting (Monday, August 1 at 4 pm) to find out more.

SOFTBALL

Softball season is here! If you are looking for a fun way to get to know others, come out and join us this summer for softball! If you would like more information, connect with Laura after the service, or by sending an email to Imfoote.upc@gmail.com.

PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

UPC played and lost a heartbreaker 24 - 23 vs The River 2 church. Jay homered for UPC, Kylie Miller played for UPC and made some good force outs infield, and Zach and Keaton had hits and scored runs for UPC. Our next game will be August 2nd at 58th St Field 1 vs Darrow Road.

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are ready for donations for the summer! We are currently accepting: toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, chapstick, lotion, floss, deodorant, etc.), canned/sealed food items that are not expired, water bottles, sunscreen, hats and/or visors, and sunglasses. Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER BONFIRES

Every 2nd Thursday of the month this summer we will be having a bonfire at Girl Scout Point in Billings Park (aka the big fire pit overlooking the river). Come join us for s'mores, food, singing around the fire, and games! Bring a friend or two or three! If the weather isn't all that good we will gather in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for our last gathering of the summer on August 11 at 5:30p and come on out. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Laura by sending an e-mail to Imfoote.upc@gmail.com.

SUPERIOR REBUILD PROJECT PT.1—THANK YOU!

Superior Rebuild Team,

I cannot even begin to express how grateful and appreciative we are for your help with our back deck project. This is something we've wanted to do for YEARS and you helped make it possible.

-Mary & Chris Willie & Family

OUR SABBATH MONTH & CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK

United, as a reminder we will be taking the month of July off from all committee meetings as a concerted effort to rest as a church. This will culminate with a church wide potluck in Billings Park at Pavilion 1 on Thursday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a plate, utensils, and cup as well as a dish or dessert to share. Some food and snacks (as well as backup utensils and plates) will be provided by the church. We will have Cornhole and a few others games to be played as well. We hope to see everyone there. Last years potluck was amazing and we are hoping for a great time again.

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