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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.

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Online Worship

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23rd, 2025

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 Vivian Markley
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT:** Be Still, My Soul #819

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God who is at work...

All: We give thanks for all the ways, both seen and unseen that you are active in our lives.

One: For the ways you care for our neighbors, those whom we love, and others we don't yet know...

All: We give you thanks.

One: We are sorry God.

All: We are sorry for all the ways in which we worry about what comes next and don't trust in you.

One: Come to our rescue. Show up in our lives. Help us to live in such a way where we wait patiently doing the work you have for us.

All: Help us to trust beyond our anxieties while we do only the work you have for us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends hear this poem from Denise Levertov titled *For the New Year, 1981*: "I have a small grain of hope—one small crystal that gleams clear colors out of transparency. I need more. I break off a fragment to send to you. Please take this grain of a grain of hope so that mine won't shrink. Please share your fragment so that yours will grow. Only so, by division, will hope increase, like a clump of irises, which will cease to flower unless you distribute the clustered roots, unlikely source—clumsy and earth-covered—of grace." It is the grace we receive from God that spreads like hope in our lives. Nothing can separate us from that grace that is shared with us and that we proclaim to and share with others.

All: We are forgiven, plain and simple, as we forgive others. This is all because of Christ and his birth, life, death, 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 I've Got Peace like a River #623

CHANCEL CHOIR My Lord, What a Morning

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dustin Anderson

New Testament

Luke 6: 27-38

SERMON Be Still & Wait: What God Has For Us Rev. Brett M. Foote

Old Testament

Psalms 37: 1-11, 39-40

HONORING OUR SEMINARY INTERN

One: Jocelyn was clothed with Christ in baptism and called by God through the voice of the church to give her particular service as our Seminary Intern.

All: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ and celebrate God's call to all who minister among us.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Eternal God, look mercifully upon this church, and upon your servant Jocelyn whose ministry we recognize today. We praise you for joys and accomplishments and for your grace, which has nurtured and sustained us with her. Bind us ever closer to one another and draw us nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may continue to minister in this community with patience and love, with wisdom and joy, until we come at last with all the saints to the place you have prepared; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

***HYMN** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky #69

MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Vivian Markley

***RESPONSE** We Give Thee but Thine Own (vs 1) #708
We give thee but thine own, what e'er 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: God who calls us to do the work, take all that we offer you, our time, talents, and treasures and grow them for your kingdom. Help us to live openhanded lives sharing the gift of our lives with others. Move in us so that we may center the voices of those on the margins. Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. We want others to serve their neighbors and strive for justice too! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Vivian Markley**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity. The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble. The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 6: 27-38

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPUD DAY LUNCH

Please join us for our Spud Day lunch after the service today. Everyone is welcome!

HONORING OUR PASTORAL INTERN

After the service today, we will be celebrating Jocelyn Langholz's time at UPC as a Pastoral Intern. We will have a basket for cards in the Fellowship Hall to share with her!

SOUP & BREAD POTLUCK

Our soup & bread potluck is Sunday, March, 2nd right after the service. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex if you would like to bring soup or bread!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 2/23

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
11:30 AM Confirmation Class Outreach
Spud Day Lunch
6:00 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 2/24

UPBeat Deadline
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 2/25

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 2/26

10:00 AM Crafters Group
4:30 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 2/27

10:00 AM *The Chosen*— Viewing & Discussion
10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

FRIDAY 2/28

SATURDAY 3/1

Birthdays This Week

2/23— Laurie Price
2/23— Bonnie Wallin
2/24— Nicholas Baker
3/1— Byron Card
3/1— Skylar Rogge
3/1— Peter Schulz

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.
- Community Garden— Help plan and carry out the UPC Community Garden project, which provides vegetables for UPC Community Dinners and Great Lakes Elementary students.
- 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.*

Ways To Learn, Grow, & Get Involved

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball— Every Sunday at 6:00 PM.
- Spiritual Formation Small Groups*— We will be journeying through *A Good Enough Lent* and meet for six weeks during Lent. More details and sign-up forms are on the table in the narthex.

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Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide.
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

623

I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun - tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

1
 riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun - tain; I've got joy like a foun - tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun - tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



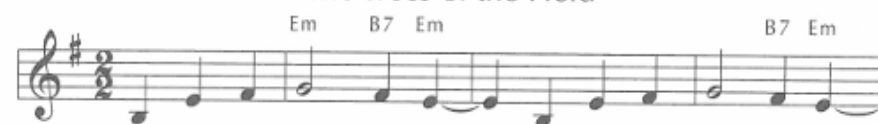
call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

You Shall Go Out with Joy

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.