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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 each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

5th Sunday in Eastertide

April 28th, 2024

10:00 AM

**A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**



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 Alex Sandor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT Let us Build a House #301

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray...

All: Interdependent God, you model what it looks like to help. From the first garden to the garden of our lives, we praise you for calling us to the work of tending. Thank you for making us integral parts of your plan for this world. Forgive us for when we try to go at it alone or make the life of faith a solo endeavor. Forgive us for when we let pride takeover. Heal us and our communities from this and more. In the name of the Holy Trinity we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God goes before us in every circumstance of this life. Like the vine and branches, God is at work with us and others ensuring that God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. God teaches us that we are not islands in and of ourselves but that we need one another. Sometimes we will push help away, we will try to do things ourselves and will come up short. God is still for us and loves us even when we come up short. Know that today because of Christ's birth, life, death, and especially his resurrection....

All: We are all forgiven!

*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.)

*RESPONSE To God Be the Glory #634

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING Deb Schlacks

Old Testament Reading Psalm 22: 25-31

Hand Bell Choir: Hymn of Promise– Directed by Cheri Tesarek

SERMON Interdependence: God, Grapes, Groups & Gardens
Rev. Brett M Foote

New Testament Reading John 15: 1-8

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO OUR COMMUNITY

*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, suffered 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.

WELCOME

*HYMN We Are One in the Spirit #300

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING HYMN Give Thanks #647

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who lays down his life for us, thank you for the gifts of love and sacrifice before us, thank you for making yourself know to us and healing us in Jesus! Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized or hurt by society. Help us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we live out your expansive justice and love. Send your merciful Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. We want others to know your "Yes!" towards all humanity! 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 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing #546

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET INVOLVED

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United! Two great ways that are available year-round are to sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship, or to host a coffee hour following the service. There are sign up sheets available at the back of the Narthex under the calendar!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

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, from there they will go together to the Youth room for Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith.

CAMP SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 5th the Spiritual Formation Committee will be hosting a camp-themed Coffee Hour. The goal is to share about the positive influence of camp and raise funds to send students to camp this summer!

GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, June 2nd! If you or someone you know is graduating, please send an email to Laura at lmfoote.upc@gmail.com with the following information: first and last name of the person graduating, connection to United, and where they are graduating from. Please reach out to Laura with any questions.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AND COOKOUT

On Sunday, June 16th from 4-7 PM we will be having a Cornhole Tournament and Cookout in the parking lot! This will be a time of family fun for everyone! First place will receive a prize (and bragging rights!). Whether or not you are playing, please RSVP to Laura by June 9th.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF NORTHERN WATERS

The theme of the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Women of Northern Waters is from Isaiah 43:2, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." We will gather May 3-4 in Grand Rapids. The gathering will begin at 6:30 pm at the Community Presbyterian Church, 703 N Pokegama Ave with a time of fellowship and pizza. If you plan to stay overnight, a complete list of hotels in Grand Rapids is available on visitgrandepids.com. The meeting on Saturday morning will begin with registration and coffee at 9:30 and features our speaker, Mary Shideler who kayaked 1007 lakes in Minnesota. Please contact **Barb Meyer, 218-256-8884** to register by Thursday, April 25th. \$7.00 includes lunch.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 4/28

8:45 AM Bell Choir
10:00 AM Morning Worship
10:15 AM Children's Church
11:30 AM Community Garden Kick Off
2:00 PM Rampage Softball
6:00 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 4/29

6:00 PM Rampage Softball
6:15 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 4/30

10:00 AM Pickleball
6:00 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 5/1

9:30 AM PW Meeting
10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Staff meeting
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:00 PM Deacons Meeting
6:00 PM Book Club

THURSDAY 5/2

10:00 AM Pickleball

FRIDAY 5/3

10:00 AM Doris Aslyn Visitation
11:00 AM Doris Aslyn Service

SATURDAY 5/4

LOOKING AHEAD

May 3rd- Doris Aslyn Service
May 17th- UPC Rummage Sale 3-6 PM
May 18th- UPC Rummage Sale 8AM-12PM
June 2nd- Graduation Sunday
June 16th- Cornhole Tournament & Cookout 4-7 PM

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>

Birthdays This Week

4/28- Anthony Simensen
4/30- Erick Vosburgh

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BUMP SET SPIKE BY JAY

UPC had some good volleyball on April 21st. We had great sets and spikes! Come join us today @ 6:00PM.

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, April 26th, Douglas County is at a **Low COVID-19 Community Level**. At this level, the Session-approved guidelines recommend that our community members stay up to date on vaccinations, mask in spaces with older folks and other potentially immunocompromised individuals, and stay home when sick.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UP

Don't forget to sign up for summer volleyball league at Aces. League starts in May and the last day to sign up is today. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! For all who attended and helped out for the rib dinner April 24th.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The UPC Rummage sale will be May 17th (3-6pm) & May 18th (8am-12pm). Donations can be brought to the church **starting Sunday, May 12th**. We ask that you be considerate of the items that you are donating and bring only items that are still in good condition. Please limit adult clothing donations to only specialty items in new condition. If you have any furniture or in good condition-small appliances, please reach out to Cathy Hecht or Kate Long, to arrange pick-up or check if it is something we can accept into the sale.

CRAFTERS GROUP

Please join us in the craft room every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to come and work on our quilting projects, or bring your own. Come for the fellowship!

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

You can join us for pickleball **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there! **Volleyball** will be **every Sunday at 6 PM** except May 5th will start at **12 PM**.

COMMUNITY GARDEN POTLUCK AND SPEAKER TODAY!

Join us after today's service for a salad-and-dessert potluck to kick off the 2024 UPC Community Garden season. **EVERYONE** is invited! After the potluck, Heather Bergherr, co-owner of The Green House in Carlton, will be our guest to provide gardening tips to our gardeners and whoever else would like to stay for her presentation.

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DORIS ASLYN SERVICE

The service for Doris Aslyn is Friday, May 3rd. Visitation starts at 10:00 AM then the service starts at 11:00 AM with lunch to follow.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

I'll be away participating in some continuing education and a pilgrimage this May with the Iona Community on the Island of Iona in Scotland. I'll be studying worship and helping lead it, participating in guided reflections, sharing in community tasks, and I'll experiment and "play" with liturgy, all in an intensive and communal way. Feel free to ask me questions about it. I'll be gone from May 8 - May 29. These dates also include some vacation time. Filling the pulpit will be Rev. Rich Blood- General Presbyter for the Presbytery on May 12, Jocelyn Langholz- Candidate for Ordination in the Presbytery on May 19, and Rev. Diana Bell- Moderator of the Presbytery on May 26. After I get back I'll be leading a sharing time with the congregation this Summer or Fall. I'm truly grateful to the Session and congregation for providing great opportunities to learn and grow as a pastor and as a follower of Jesus.

- Pastor Brett

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 22: 25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 15: 1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em)

Fm

(Bm)

Cm

(Em)

Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am)

B^bm

(Em)

Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am)

B^bm

(Em)

Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored;
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land;
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride;
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

(C)

D^b

(Em)

Fm



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am)

B^bm

(Em)

Fm

(Am)

B^bm

(Bm)

Cm

(Em)

Fm

(Am/E) (Em)

B^bm/F Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;



give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give



Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the



poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for



us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.



To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa-ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be-yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe-ly live, a place where saints and chil-dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil-dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban-quet hall on ho-ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi-sions heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for-give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a-new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus-tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out-cast and the
 as words with-in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi-sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit-ness and as sym-bol of God's grace; here as
 Je-sus, is re-vealed in time and space; as we
 strang-er bear the im-age of God's face; let us
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di-vi-sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je-sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel-come;
 bring an end to fear and dan-ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf-ter:



all are wel-come; all are wel-come in this place.

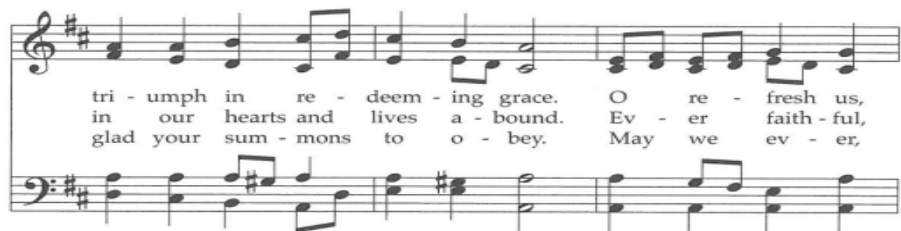
546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis-miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad-o-ra-tion for your gos-pel's
 3 Sav-ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug-gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos-sess-ing,
 joy-ful sound; may the fruits of your sal-va-tion
 pil-grim way, let no fear of death ap-pall us,



tri-umph in re-deem-ing grace. O re-fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a-bound. Ev-er faith-ful,
 glad your sum-mons to o-bey. May we ev-er,



O re-fresh us, trav-eling through this wil-der-ness.
 ev-er faith-ful, to your truth may we be found.
 may we ev-er reign with you in end-less day.