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**August 19, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**PRELUDE**

Alex Sandor

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**\*INTROIT**

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
And make me love thee as I ought to love. (#688)**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

from *Psalms 111*

One: Praise God!

**All: I will give thanks to the Holy One with my whole heart.**

One: I will give thanks in the company of those who also worship God.

**All: God's work is full of honor and majesty.**

One: God's righteousness endures forever.

**All: The Holy One provides food for those who fear him; God's works are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.**

One: God sent redemption for all; holy and awesome is God's name.

**All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;**

One: All those who practice such wisdom have a good understanding.

**All: Let God's praise endure forever.**

**\*HYMN**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

#39

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: God provides for us so that we might live abundantly. Often we turn away from the very life God offers. Let us pray together, asking that God's spirit might be renewed within us.

**All: Open our hearts, O God, that we may discern your presence in our lives. Help us to see the choices you place before us. Give us wisdom to follow in your way. Forgive our failure to love ourselves, our neighbors, and you. Renew in us your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In and through Jesus Christ, God forgives all our sin. Daily, God renews the Spirit within us, that we might live wisely and enjoy an abundance of life's blessings.

**All: May the peace of Christ dwell within us. Thanks be to God!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*You are invited to share the blessing of Christ's peace with those near you by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

**\*HYMN**

*Open My Eyes*

#451

*Prayer cards may be given to usher to be brought forward.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Old Testament Readings

New Testament Reading

Mary Voss

*Proverbs 9:1-6*

*Ephesians 5:15-20*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**    *His Eye is on the Sparrow*    Jane Wester  
by Civilla D. Martin and Charles H. Gabriel

**SCRIPTURE READING**    *1 Kings 3:5-13*    Mary Voss

**SERMON**    *The Good Life*    Rev. Charlotte Frantz

**\*HYMN**    *Be Thou My Vision*    #450

**OFFERING**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**    PW National Gathering

**OFFERTORY**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

**A grateful heart is what I bring,  
A song of praise, my offering,  
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you,  
In you, O God, I will rejoice.    (#652)**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray together.

**All: Open our eyes, O God, that we may discern  
what is good and life-giving—for us, for our  
families, for our community and for our  
society. May our gifts and offerings be used  
to offer your love, hope, and life to the  
world. Amen.**

**TIME FOR PRAYER**

**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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    *O God in Whom All Life Begins*    #308

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: As you leave this place, may the living Lord Jesus go  
with you.

**All: May the Lord Jesus go behind you to encourage  
you,  
Beside you to befriend you  
Above you to watch over you  
Beneath you to lift you from your sorrow,  
Within you to give you the gifts of peace, hope  
and joy,**

One: And always, may the living Lord Jesus go before you to  
show you the way.

**\*POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

**OLD TESTAMENT READING*****Proverbs 9:1-6***

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
'You that are simple, turn in here!'  
To those without sense she says,  
'Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.'

**NEW TESTAMENT READING*****Ephesians 5:15-20***

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**SCRIPTURE READING *1 Kings 3:3-13***

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you.'

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

#### SUNDAY 8/19

10:00 a.m. Worship

**4:00 p.m. Community Dinner**

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#### MONDAY 8/20

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

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#### TUESDAY 8/21

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#### WEDNESDAY 8/22

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up

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#### THURSDAY 8/23

Happy Birthday – Camryn Shepard

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#### FRIDAY 8/24

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

Happy Birthday – Judith Evznstad

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#### SATURDAY 8/25

#### COMMUNITY DINNER

UPC will be hosting a Community Dinner this afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. This dinner is free and open to the public.

#### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately following worship on August 26, 2018 for the purpose of electing a deacon to fulfill Rhoda Nielsen's term.

#### MEMORIES

Do you have a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary memory to share? A story from the annals of our congregation's history? A reflection about what UPC has meant to you? David Waite would love to hear from you! He's compiling memories and reflections to be shared during UPC's anniversary celebration October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your comments in writing to him no later than September 9<sup>th</sup>, and sooner is even better! Give your submission to him in person, mail them, drop them in the church office with his name attached, or email to [unitedpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:unitedpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com). Maximum length, 300 words.


#### OUT OF THE OFFICE

A reminder that the church secretary will be out of the office this week. Please direct any important phone messages to the Pastor's extension #15 in order to receive a call back if needed.

#### SOFTBALL FINALS

UPC won 12-11 vs. The River on Friday. Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup> playoff was 91° and sunny! UPC lost a close game of 11-9 vs. Hope Church Team #2. Olivia M. and Tom H. pitched for UPC. Jay H had a throw home to Cathy H for a tagout at home plate in the game. UPC lost 16-9 vs. Lakeside Baptist in the 2 p.m. game. UPC was then eliminated. Thank to Christy Willmore (coach of UPC) who kept us all in line all season. Thank you to all who came out and cheered on UPC softball. Our final record for the season was 9-5.

## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

## HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

## PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be asked for and collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling  
Jan Letsos at 715-394-6009  
or  
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR

Reverend Charlotte Frantz

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Kathy Lehman