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### HELPFUL TO KNOW

If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship service live, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:

<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  
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or  
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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### Online Worship

***Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**September 11, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

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

\* Please rise in body or spirit

\*\* *While bowing*

## PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Sandor

**\*INTROIT** In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful (2x) #654

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 138)**

One: We give you thanks, O Lord, with each of our hearts; beside the powerful things in this world we will sing your praise;

**\*\*All: We bow down in this sanctuary and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.**

One: On the day we called, you answered us; you increased the strength of our souls.

**All: All the presidents and rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard your word.**

One: For though the Lord is high, God regards the lowly, but the haughty God perceives from far away.

**All: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake us, the work of your hands. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** To God Be the Glory #634

## PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us Pray.

**All: God from strength to strength. We give thanks for your power made perfect in weakness. We praise you for the miraculous life giving breath you bestow upon us. Some days we are surprised that we can even get out of bed. We give thanks for your breath in our lungs. Telling the truth is hard God, but, we don't like being limited. We don't like coming to the end of ourselves. We confess any and all sin that stems from that in our lives. Forgive us. Heal us. In the name of Christ, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: ...Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and especially his 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 Came Down #137

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** Laura Foote

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Donna Okash  
New Testament Reading Matthew 19:23-27,30

**SERMON "Raising The Dead & Other Things We Can't Do: Good News"**  
Old Testament Reading Rev. Brett M Foote  
Ezekiel 37:1-8,10

## \*A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (Part 3 of 3)

One: Let us affirm our faith together using the words of A Brief Statement of Faith.

**All: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness #291

## OFFERING MOMENT FOR MISSION SPECIAL MUSIC

Dean Hecht &  
Alex Sandor  
Alex Sandor  
#647

## OFFERTORY

**\*RESPONSE**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son (2x)  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"  
Let the poor say, "We are rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us!" (2x)  
Give thanks, give thanks.

## PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God in the midst of our limits, 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. May all those in liminal spaces find in us good friends and companions on the journey. 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 joy. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know your grace and peace. 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 We Are Marching in the Light of God #853

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

***Matthew 19:23-27,30***

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, 'Then who can be saved?' But Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.' Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Ezekiel 37:1-8,10***

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

## **United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**

### **SUNDAY 9/11**

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Morning Worship

Church Clean Up following Service

6 PM Boy Scouts

### **MONDAY 9/12**

5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

6 PM Cub Scouts

### **TUESDAY 9/13**

4 PM Pickleball

5 PM CYF Committee

6 PM Ross Thorn Concert

### **WEDNESDAY 9/14**

12 PM Staff Meeting

2-6 PM CSA Pickup

4 PM Congdon Hike

### **THURSDAY 9/15**

6:15 PM Session Meeting

7 PM AA Meeting

### **FRIDAY 9/16**

### **SATURDAY 9/17**

#### **Birthdays This Week**

9/11 Willem McClellen

9/13 Darrel Granquist

9/14 Roy Forslund

9/14 Jan Parish

9/16 Marcy Lee Price

9/16 Trent Sikorski

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

September 27  
October 8

Harvest Home Dinner  
Scouts Spaghetti Dinner

#### **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

### 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.

### 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!

### NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is staffed 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Come meet Iris, our Nursery Coordinator, and bring your young ones to play during the service! 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.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Time with Children portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith. Children's Church will take place in the Youth room which is next to the Nursery. Children's Church will begin on October 9.

### CONFIRMATION

Our 2022-2023 Confirmation class will begin on October 30! Our first meeting will be an introduction for students, parents and grandparents to learn more about what our journey will entail. Students currently and not currently attending UPC are welcome to join. If you have any questions or know of a student who may be interested in joining this year please reach out to Laura after the service or by sending an e-mail to: [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com).

### SECOND SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Starting on October 9 there will be a Bible study for our high school students. We will meet in the Youth room after the service on every... you guessed it... second Sunday. Don't worry, we'll have snacks for any grumbling bellies.

### IT'S HARVEST TIME FOR THE UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN!

To all UPC Community Gardeners: Please harvest your crops during the next week or two. Once your veggies have been harvested, please do two things: 1) bring them into the church building. A table has been set up back in the library (which is the first room to the left as you enter the gym); you can put them there. 2) Contact Pastor Brett or committee chair Deborah Schlacks ([desertswan@aol.com](mailto:desertswan@aol.com); 218-348-6032) to let them know so that your crops can be stored or donated as needed.

### CHANGE OF PRESBYTERY ADDRESS

Presbytery of Northern Waters has had a change of address and is now located at 2105 Woodland Ave, Duluth, MN 55803

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: **mittens, hats, scarves, hand warmers, coats, toiletry items (toothbrushes, toilet paper, bars of soap, etc.), and non-liquid, sealed food items.** Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. *Thank you for your donations!*

### FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH EVENTS AND INFORMATION

**September 11th-** Church Clean Up (Following Blessing of Back to School Service)

Outside windows

Inside windows

Trimming and pruning

Main entrance gardens

Please stay and help if you have time :)

**September 13th- ROSS THORN CONCERT!!** Please join us for a relaxing concert at the church from 6-7PM. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, friends & family. There will be a small concession stand with snacks and drinks. See you there:)

**September 14th-** Congdon Hike

Meet at the Congdon Elementary School Parking lot @4:00 PM

Call or text Kjersten Lisak (715) 817-4862 if ride needed

**September 18th-** Progressive Lunch on Amnicon Lake

1:00 PM The Schlacks' House for appetizers

8121 S. Dowling Lake Rd E Superior, WI 54880

2:00 PM The Lisak's House for main meal

4519 E. Pleasant View Rd Superior, WI 54880

3:00 PM TeeGeeLee for dessert (AKA The Hecht's)

7932 S. Cty Road A Superior, WI 54880

**September 24th-** The Tri Lakes' Community Club will be hosting their annual Soup and Pie Supper from 12-3PM. There is a small fee to eat, but totally WORTH IT!

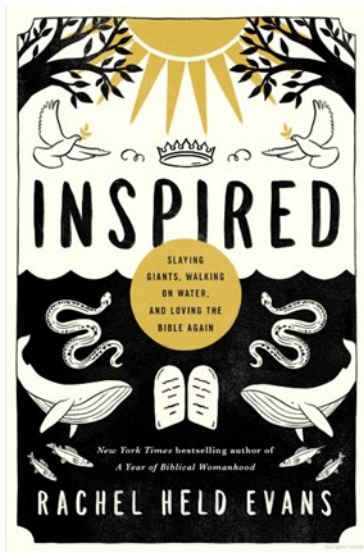
**Volleyball will start-up October 2nd.** This year we will be playing every Sunday from 12:30-2:30 PM in the church gym.

### COMMUNITY REBUILD

We are looking for volunteers that could help a Superior resident with weeding in her garden. Please contact JoAnn Rush at 218-391-5304 or Mary Hanchett 715-392-7276 for more details. Thanks, JoAnn.

### FALL FLING BAZAAR

The Presbyterian Women are planning their church wide Fall Fling Bazaar for Saturday, November 5, 2022. The hours will be from 9am-2pm. Our little Cafe will offer coffee and treats for sale throughout the day. Mark your calendars and begin to knit, craft or bake up a storm! Please bring your "bazaar" items to church the day before the sale, Friday, November 4th. We'll begin to set up the bazaar at 9am, Friday and welcome your help.



If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she embarked on a journey to better understand what the Bible is and how it's meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it can change you, too.

Evans knows firsthand how a relationship with the Bible can be as real and as complicated as a relationship with a family member or close friend. In *Inspired*, Evans explores contradictions and questions from her own experiences with the Bible, including:

If the Bible was supposed to explain the mysteries of life, why does it leave the reader with so many questions? What does it mean to be chosen by God? To what degree did the Holy Spirit guide the preservation of these narratives, and is there something sacred to be uncovered beneath all these human fingerprints? If the Bible has given voice to the oppressed, why is it also used as justification by their oppressors?

Drawing on the best in biblical scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, and even a short screenplay.

Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages and unafraid to ask the hard questions, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating the mysteries surrounding Scripture. Discover alongside Evans that the Bible is not a static text, but a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that can equip us and inspire us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Starting the week of September 25!

Hello UPC!

A Spiritual Formation Committee was assembled to create bible studies for you! We are excited to start off all of our groups with a book study called “Inspired” by Rachel Held Evans. Because we know you are all very busy, we are providing multiple bible studies throughout the week with the hopes that everyone who wishes to join in and grow in their relationships with God, their faith, and each other will be able to do so.

Bible Study groups will meet weekly at the same time. A majority of our groups will be meeting in homes with a host family. One (possibly more) group will be a floating group which will meet around town at pubs, restaurants, and coffee shops.

We are aiming to keep groups intimate with no more than 10-12 people in each group. If one date/time is really popular we will create another group for that date/time. To keep these groups intimate we are asking that you sign up for a group that you will be able to attend most regularly. This will allow groups to create a better connection and grow to share, pray, and wrestle with any confusing or difficult questions they have.

Sign up for Bible Study groups starts today and will run through Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Books will be provided to everyone who signs up. If you would like to donate to the cost of the book you may do so, but it is not required. Let's Get Growing UPC!

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# Bible Study Sign Up Sheet

Please tear off the sign up below and put into offering plate OR  
contact the church during business hours

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

(Circle One)

A. Monday Evening (after 5:00 pm)

(Leaders: Acacia & Ephraim Nikoi, Hosts: Jackie & Cliff Pananen)

B. Tuesday Afternoon (around 2:00)

(Leader: Jane Wester, Hosts: Cathy & Dean Hecht)

C. Wednesday Evening (after 5:00 pm)

(Leaders: Kate Long & JoAnn Rush, Host: Local Watering Holes)

None of these date/times work for me, but I am still interested in being  
part of a group. The following days/times work best for me.

(Please Circle)

Monday      AM      MID      PM

Tuesday      AM      MID      PM

Wednesday      AM      MID      PM

Thursday      AM      MID      PM

# In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -  
 joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your  
 voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the piano accompaniment in the bass clef. There are three distinct musical phrases, each with a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

# 634 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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of three flats (E-flat major or C minor). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score includes two verses of lyrics, with the first verse starting with a '1' and the second with a '2'.

Refrain

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

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people re-joice!

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

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

# He Came Down

137

He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

*Leader:* Why did he come?

*Additional stanzas:*

... that we may have light  
 ... that we may have peace  
 ... that we may have joy

# 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

## Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



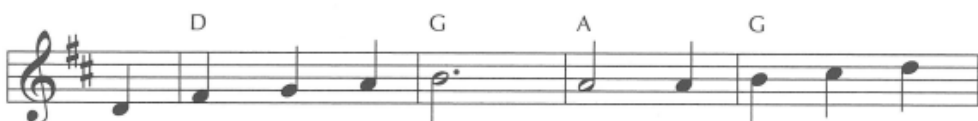
wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



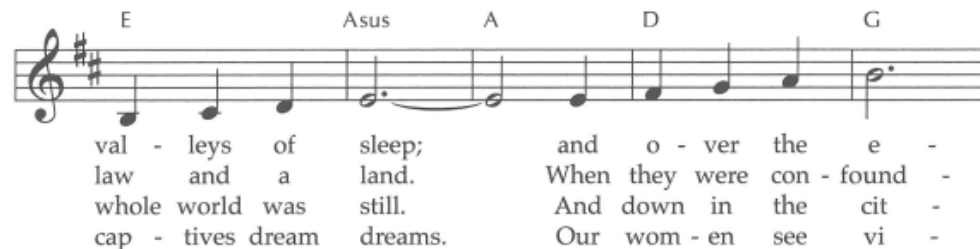
wind, wind on the sea. *Fine*



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
hill; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the  
schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the



val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
law and a land. When they were con - found -  
whole world was still. And down in the cit -  
cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing, "A -  
ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
y, you called once a - gain when you  
sions; our men clear their eyes. With



wake from your slum - bers and  
spoke through your proph - ets to  
blew through your peo - ple on the  
bold new de - ci - sions your



rise on your wings."  
o - pen their eyes.  
rush of the wind.  
peo - ple a - rise.

*to Refrain*

# 853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

*Siyahamba*

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;  
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba oo oo

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba oo oo

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...