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September 16, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

*INTROIT

We Are the Church United

Inside back cover of hymnal.

Everyone will sing the refrain; the choir will sing the verses.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on *Psalm 31*

One: In you, O God, we take refuge. We will be glad and rejoice in your love.

All: You saw our afflictions and knew the anguish of our souls.

One: You set our feet in a spacious place, so we say, "You are our God. Our times are in your hands."

All: When we were like a city under siege, thinking we were cut off, you heard our cry for help.

One: Love the Lord, all you faithful people! Let us be strong and take heart.

All: What abundant goodness is stored up for those who trust in God's name! Praise be to you, O God!

*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #366

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray together:

God of healing, you invite us to come as we are. We long to open our souls and feel your peace. When our spirits are cluttered with the debris of daily living, unclutter us by your grace. When we've turned aside from needs we could meet, help us to see others with your compassion. When we've forgotten to be grateful, remind us of your spiritual gifts of daily bread. Forgive us and renew our perspective. May we truly believe that broken lives can be made whole, and that the gospel of hope in Christ can bring life. *Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: This is the good news of the gospel: whatever we have done or failed to do, whomever we are or wish we were but aren't, in Christ we are forgiven. We are washed in the waters of his grace. Let us rejoice in this truth.

All: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #435

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Christy Willmore

READING

From *Psalm 95*

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

One: Come, let us bow down and worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

**All: For he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading

Gospel Reading

Deborah Schlacks
Colossians 1:3-14
Colossians 4:12-13
Luke 22:41-44

ANTHEM

Christians All, Com Sing His Praises
 John Carter

SERMON*Wrestling in Prayer*

Rev. Sara Lund

HYMNHow Firm a Foundation*

#463

OFFERING**MOMENT FOR MISSION** *Global Witness Offering***OFFERTORY*****DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise God, all creatures here below,
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
 Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray together.

All: All good gifts come from you, O God, and are a trust from you. With gratitude we present these offerings and offer ourselves to your service, in union with Christ. By your Spirit multiply the impact of these gifts and of our lives as Christians. 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***Take My Life*

#697

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE****NEW TESTAMENT READING***Colossians 1:3-14*

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 4:12-13

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:41-44

Jesus withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 9/16

0:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal Happy Birthday-Marey Price
10:00 a.m. Worship Trent Sicorski
4:00 p.m. Community Dinner
6:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

MONDAY 9/17

4:30 p.m. Finance Committee
5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Scouts Popcorn Kickoff for New Members

TUESDAY 9/18

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

WEDNESDAY 9/19

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Caregivers Workshop
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up
Happy Birthday-Alicia Willoughby

THURSDAY 9/20

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
5:30 p.m. Session Meeting
Happy Birthday-Patricia Johnson

FRIDAY 9/21

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class
Happy Birthday-Paul Waitz

SATURDAY 9/22

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved - Johnson
Happy Birthday-Jake Anderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Please welcome Rev. Sara Lund to our pulpit this Sunday. Rev. Lund is currently a member of Peace Church in Duluth. She has served most recently as chaplain at Essentia in Superior, retiring in June of 2017.

COMMUNITY DINNER

UPC will be hosting a Community Dinner this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. This meal is free and open to the public. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship.

MEETING THIS WEEK

Finance Committee Monday, September 17 at 4:30 p.m.
Handbell Rehearsal Monday, September 17 at 5:15 p.m.
Quilting Group Thursday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m.
Session Meeting Thursday, September 20 at 5:30 p.m.

CAREGIVERS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 19 at 1:00 – 2:00

This workshop hosted by Senior Connections covers topics such as helping those who are caregivers to know what types of questions that they should ask medical personnel during appointments. This workshop is free and open to the public. Contact Luann at 715-394-3611 for more information.

SIGN UP SHEET

A sign-up sheet will be located in the narthex today to register for the 20th Anniversary Dinner to be held at UWS on October 6. Someone will be available to take payment for the event.

HARVEST HOME ROAST BEEF DINNER

The Harvest Home Roast Beef Dinner tickets are now being handed out and mailed. Monies received for presold tickets will be due no later than Sunday, September 23. Speak to Jan Letsos for more information.

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.

GUEST PASTOR

Reverend Sara Lund

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Wayne Phelps &
Mary Kay Coone

Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in back of the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.