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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:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

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

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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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ONLINE WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16th, 2021

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

PRELUDE Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** Soft Rain of Spring #680

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 86)

One: On holy ground stands the city God founded.

All: The Lord loves the gates of Zion.

One: Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.

All: The Twin Ports too, God delights in.

One: The Most High will continually establish the cities and towns of the world.

All: Give us great joy wherever we may be born. Let us be rooted to the land we call home.

***HYMN** In the Bulb There Is a Flower #250

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of posture, we confess that sometimes we don't turn to prayer in our discernment. We confess that we often decide for ourselves. We confess that sometimes we don't value the input of you our God, or our community. Forgive us for not turning to prayer. Forgive us for when we make major decisions without you. Forgive us for not seeking out community discernment. Help us to turn to prayer. Help us to decide with you. Help us to seek the input of our community about our calling. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: United, we've all had times where we have got it wrong. We've all had times where we've missed the mark. The good news for us is that love covers a multitude of sins and mistakes. God loves us. We are assured of that because of the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, **"The peace of Christ be with you."** (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may throw up peace signs and check in.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kathryn Craven

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Eric Schlacks

Psalm 1:1-6

SERMON "Have You Ever Been Told You Have Good Posture?"

Rev. Brett M Foote

Acts 1:13-17, 21-26

New Testament Reading

***HYMN** Go to the World #295

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Presentation of Jan Parish & Dick Parish

AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. He ascended into Heaven, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A Modern Affirmation of Faith¹

**We believe in an inviting God
Who invites the poor and the sick,
The outcast and the lonely,
The immigrant and the refugee,
The awkward and the abrasive,
The inconvenienced and the hurried,
The people affected by disability and the able bodied,
The young and the innocent.
We believe God invites the best and the worst—
In all of us.**

We believe God invites us to:

**A life of faith,
A crowded table,
A messy church,
A deeper truth,
A resilient joy,
A place to belong,
A family among strangers,
A world that is just,
And a love that knows no bounds.**

We believe this invitation exists for all people.

We believe this invitation exists for us. And when we miss the call or ignore the invite, We believe that God invites us again. Thanks be to God for that invitational Spirit. Amen

1 Adapted by Brett from an Affirmation of Faith by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION OFFERTORY *RESPONSE

Alex Sandor
#710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
We give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
We lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering; we are an offering.

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of discernment, 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 reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. May resurrection thrive in each heart and may we in our giving be a part of that. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's resurrection love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email 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. 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN We Are Marching in the Light of God #853

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 1:1-6

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1:13-17, 21-26

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

SUNDAY 5/16

10:00 AM Morning Worship
4-5 PM Community Dinner
Finance Meeting after church

MONDAY 5/17

TUESDAY 5/18

5:30 PM F&O
6:30 PM Softball Game vs Bayside @ 58th Field 1

WEDNESDAY 5/19

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
4-6 PM CSA Pickup
4:30 PM Worship Committee (Zoom)

THURSDAY 5/20

6:15 PM Session (Zoom)

FRIDAY 5/21

1 PM UPBeat Deadline

SATURDAY 5/22

9 AM-12 PM UPC Spring Cleaning

Birthdays This Week

5/17 Jenny Ostrowski
5/19 Trent Anderson
5/20 Pam McGraw

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	Community Dinner
May 18	Softball Game
May 21	UPBeat Deadline
May 22	UPC Spring Cleanup

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you'd like to donate online to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

ICU TREE

What was formerly the mitten tree is now the ICU tree! It is still set up in the main entrance, and we are asking for donations of **new socks, first aid bags, and flashlights** to be placed on the tree to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours to decorate the tree!

SOFTBALL

Softball starts this week! Our first game is against Bayside this Tuesday at 6:30 pm at 58th Street Field 1 at 5902 Weeks Avenue, Superior WI 54880 South of the Bong Airport. If you want to play let Kathryn Craven know, and if you want to watch and cheer come on down!



CONTACTING PASTOR BRETT

If you need to contact Pastor Brett and he doesn't answer on his cell phone, please call the church to leave a message, as his voicemail sometimes malfunctions.

COFFEE HOUR

Following the service on the first Sunday of every month, Fellowship and Outreach will be serving coffee outside. The other Sundays are still available if other committees or individuals are interested in hosting.

DOORS TO THE NARTHEX

The Building and Grounds Committee would like your help to reduce the Church's utility bill by keeping the doors from the fellowship hall to the narthex closed. These two areas are heated and cooled by different air conditioning units. The thermostats are set at different temperatures. So if the doors separating these areas are left open, the units will run more than necessary.

UPC SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 22 is our UPC Spring Clean Up from 9 AM to 12 PM. We hope to see you there! There will be some snacks provided, and most cleaning supplies as well, but if you can bring your own buckets and squeegees to clean windows, that would be great.

Soft Rains of Spring Flow 680



1 Soft rains of spring flow through the fields; earth a-wakes and
 2 Ten - der young shoots, green in the sun, glis - ten with the
 3 Our hearts are filled: God gives us grace; o - ver - flow - ing



greet a new year. Deep with - in the soil of our hearts seeds of
 beau - ty of spring. God will watch and care for each one, bring the
 we give our praise. We come hum - bly bring - ing our thanks, bring our



love be - gin to take root. Sum - mer brings floods, tem - pest and
 growth and strength to bear fruit, speak - ing the word, quench - ing their
 hearts and of - fer them back. Our har - vest here on God's rich



storm; sun breaks forth; birds tend their young. Then the day of
 thirst, hear - ing their prayer, feed - ing their souls. God will love and
 earth, all is a gift God free - ly makes. Lord and Sav - ior,



har - vest will come, when we gath - er all that God gives.
 care for each one, till the bright day har - vest will come.
 we sing your praise, thank and bless you all of our days.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



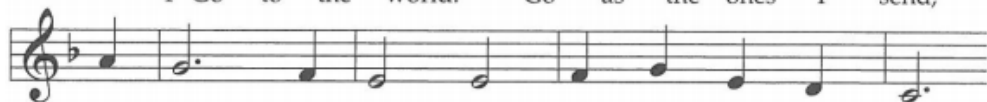
un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Go to the World!

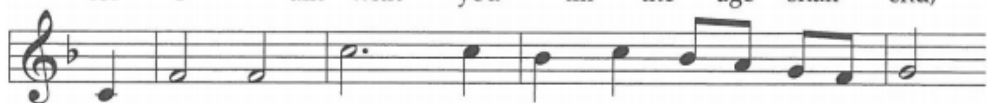
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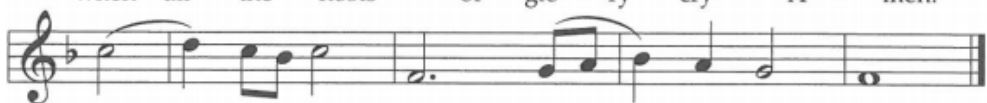
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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;
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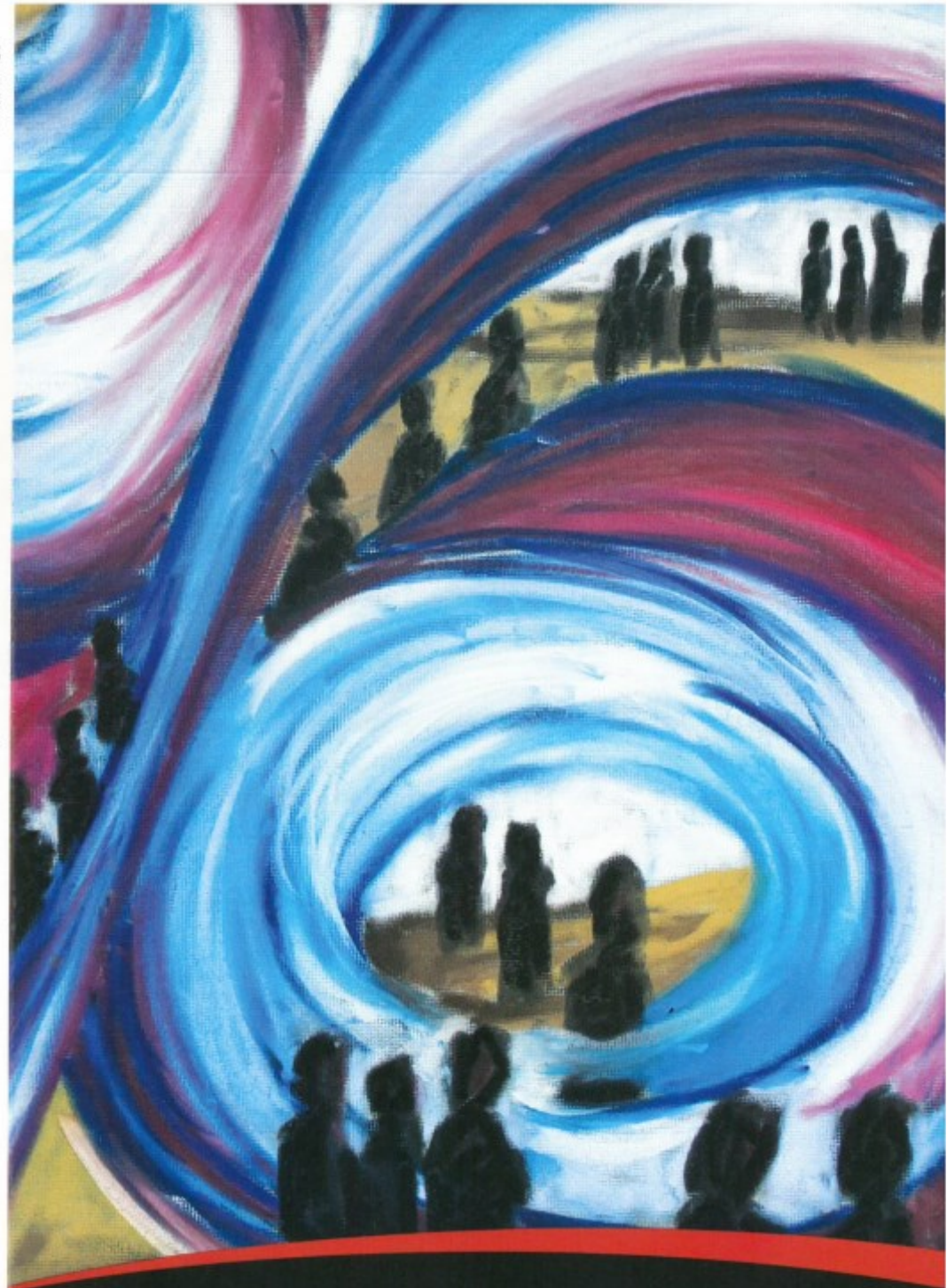
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The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



"These boys and young men were brilliant, with so much promise and potential, and yet they also had experienced trauma. I saw the opportunity to really think about using a pipeline approach to prevent boys from developing behavioral issues that can derail their lives, strengthen their academic skills, and disrupt generational poverty. That was the beginning of DREAAM."

Tracy Dace, founder



DREAAM — Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males — was designed to reach, teach and invest in African-American boys at risk and to walk alongside them and their families from the age of five until they reach the age of 24.

DREAAM is supported by the local portion of gifts to the Pentecost Offering made by the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, Illinois, as well the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Just like in Champaign, 40% of the gifts received will stay right here in our own community to help us address the needs of youth as we choose to do.



With our gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we join together to build God's house with our children, youth and young adults.

The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start—a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through young adulthood.

- 40%** **stays with this congregation** to develop and support programs for young people in our own church and community.
- 25%** **supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV)**, serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.
- 25%** **supports Ministries with Youth** including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.
- 10%** **is devoted to children at-risk** to improve education and provide safe havens.

Our congregation is joining the whole church in building for our future, in building individual lives of faith.

Let's build God's house, together. Won't you join us?

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.