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10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

***INTROIT**

**There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of
God.**

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of
God.**

(#824, stanza 1)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Take a deep breath and breathe in God's Holy
Spirit.

**All: Take a deep breath and listen to the quiet of
this place.**

One: In the midst of life's noise and hustle,

All: In the midst of life's demands and troubles,

One: We come to this place of refuge.

All: We come seeking God in the quiet.

***HYMN**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

#169

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

**All: O holy God, we have done what we should not
have done, and we have left undone that which
we should have done. Forgive us. When we
grow discouraged and doubt our own worth in
your eyes, forgive us. When we seek you in the
miraculous and forget to look for you in the
ordinary, forgive us. Nourish us with your word,
strengthen us for your work, and renew our
confidence in your abiding presence. In Jesus'
name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God is with us, in all times and in all places.

Though it may sometimes seem that God is absent,
God is with us. God forgives us, renews us,
strengthens us, and calls us to live with joy and
courage.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words,

"The peace of Christ be with you."

***RESPONSE**

**There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart
of God.**

**A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart
of God.**

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.**

(#824, stanza 2)

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 42

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs
for you, O God.

All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

One: When shall I come and behold the face of God?

All: My tears have been my food day and night.

One: People say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

All: As I pour out my soul, I remember how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

One: My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember.

All: Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your waterfalls;

One: All your waves and your billows have gone over me.

All: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,

One: At night the Lord's song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

All: I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?"

One: I ask, "Why must I walk about mournfully when the enemy oppresses me?"

All: As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me.

One: They say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

All: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

One: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Christy Willmore

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kathy Nelson

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:26-39

RESPONSE *(Please remain seated).*

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God.

A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God.

Hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

(#824, stanza 3)

SERMON

Rev. Charlotte Frantz

*HYMN

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

#661

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Immigrants and Refugees

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING HYMN

Breathe on us, Breath of God,

Fill us with life anew,

That we may love what thou dost love,

And do what thou wouldst do.

(#286, stanza 1)

*PRAYER

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: We pray in profound thanksgiving for communities, congregations and people who see the face of God in the face of a wanderer, an asylum seeker or a refugee. We give thanks for those who offer hospitality to newcomers, provide advice and resources, speak a prophetic word, open their homes and their hearts, and make waters flow in the desert. We pray for those who have made their way across continents, oceans and rivers in search of safety, peace and new life. May your Holy Spirit be with them, guiding them still as they bring all their energy, hope and gifts to build a better future together in their new homeland.

Amen.

(From the Presbyterian Mission Calendar, Thursday, June 20)

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** *Standing on the Promises* #838

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was

not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.'"

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 6/23

10:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

MONDAY 6/24

TUESDAY 6/25

UPBeat Deadline

6:30 p.m. Softball Game UPC vs. Hope Community 2

WEDNESDAY 6/26

4:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up Happy Birthday – Marcia Olson

4:30 p.m. Summer Fun K-3

5:30 p.m. Summer Fun Dinner

5:30 p.m. Summer Fun Grs. 4-7

THURSDAY 6/27

FRIDAY 6/28

1:00 p.m. UPBeat Mailing Day

Happy Birthday – Andrew Lisak

SATURDAY 6/29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOFTBALL

On Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. UPC will play against Hope Community 2 at the 58th Street Field 1.

SUMMER FUN FOR YOUTH

This Wednesday, June 25th, the activities begin at 4:30 p.m. for grades K-3, and at 5:30 p.m. for grades 4-7. A dinner is planned at 5:30 p.m. See posted flyers for more information or speak with Christy Willmore.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the July 2019 UPBeat newsletter is on Tuesday, June 25th at 12:00 p.m. The newsletter will be prepared for mailing on Friday, June 28th at 1:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday, June 30, there will be a short congregational meeting immediately following worship for the purpose of dismissing the Pastoral Nominating Committee. The committee will become a session committee charged with caring for Pastor Foote and introducing him to life at United.

NEXT SUNDAY

We have been very blessed and are very grateful for Reverend Charlotte Frantz's time with us. Next Sunday, June 30, will be Rev. Frantz's last Sunday as our Pastor here at UPC. Please join us following worship for coffee hour and let her know how much you have appreciated her.

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 collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Reverend Charlotte Frantz

Sandy LeMieux