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NURSERY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Passing the Peace portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to meet by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the worship service. Share a prayer request online in the comments section. Additionally, 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8th, 2024 10:00 AM**

If you are joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

If the text is bolded, everyone is invited to say the words in unison.

PRELUDE Vivian Markley
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet #458

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God of breakthrough...

All: Life is not easy. Sometimes we press forward in the way you've called us and it has hurt. Sometimes following you, O God, is difficult to say the least.

One: Help us to have faith.

All: We confess at times that we'd like to turn back, that it would be easier than having to trust in someone or something that seems, at times, so distant.

One: Help us to have faith!

All: Do not turn from us but bless us in every way! In Jesus' name, amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God forgives...

All: each and every one of us and our neighbors.

One: All that was done or left undone that has caused hurt...

All: is covered with God's love.

One: God's grace is deeper than Lake Superior and wider than Wisconsin Point.

All: This grace is because of Christ! His birth, life, death, and resurrection repeats what we have been told: We are forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, **"The peace of Christ be with you."** In response you may say **"And also with you!"** (You may pass the peace in the comments section.)

***RESPONSE** Rain Down (3x) #48

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Donna Okash

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Sermon Was Jesus Mean? Faith That Forges Ahead Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Reading

Mark 7: 24-30

***HYMN** O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (1,4,5) #610

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION Jan Letsos

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Vivian Markley

***RESPONSE** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #607

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of our striving faith, thank you for giving us direction! Take our gifts of time, talents, and treasures and grow them for your kingdom. Help us to live openhanded lives sharing the gift of our lives with others. Move in us so that we may center the voices of those on the margins. Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. We want others to know your "Yes!" towards all humanity! Amen.

ILLUMINATING OUR PRAYERS

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** Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples (1,3,4) #757

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

CONFIRMATION

There will be an informational meeting in the Youth room following the service on September 15th about our 2024-2025 Confirmation class! Confirmation is for any student in middle or high school. If you have any questions or know of a student who may be interested, reach out to Laura at lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

FAMILY FALL RETREAT

On October 4th and 5th we will be having a Family Fall Retreat at Camp Amnicon! This is a time for us to connect with God and each other. We will eat together, sing worship, get crafty, and you'll have the chance to go canoeing and hiking (weather permitting). This retreat is for all ages and all families. The cost is \$20 per person (lodging and meals included) and you must register beforehand. Space is limited! Questions? Reach out to Laura at lmfoote.upc@gmail.com

CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIR

September is here. Please prayerfully consider if you can use your talents by joining the Chancel Choir or Bell Choir. Chancel Choir will begin on September 15th. Bell Choir will begin September 10th.

UPBEAT GOING DIGITAL

As part of the communication audit, we're digitizing our UPBeat starting in October. We are still offering paper copies to those who would like them. If you would still like to receive a paper copy reach out to the office via phone call, email, or stop in during office hours by September 16th to sign up. Please contact the office with any questions.

HARVEST CELEBRATION COFFEE HOUR TODAY!

The coffee hour after the service on today is in celebration of a great 2024 UPC Community Garden season as it comes to a close. Join us for garden-themed treats!

HARVEST HOME ROAST BEEF DINNER

October 2, 2024 from 4-6 PM save the date and try to rearrange your schedule to be able to come and eat and to help on preparation days and the actual dinner day. There will be specific sign-up sheets for places where we need YOUR help. This is a wonderful way to offer a great meal to the community, have fellowship around a big church event and raise money. Watch for your tickets to arrive in the mail or contact Jan Letsos for additional tickets. UPC can make this happen when we all work together. THANK YOU in advance.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 7: 24-30

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/8

8:30 AM SF Committee
Coffee Hour

MONDAY 9/9

2:00 PM Fellowship & Outreach
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Finance Committee

TUESDAY 9/10

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
6:00 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 9/11

10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
6:15 PM Personnel Committee

THURSDAY 9/12

10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
6:00 PM Buildings & Grounds

FRIDAY 9/13

SATURDAY 9/14

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

9/9— Trevor Dahl
9/11— Willem McClellan
9/13— Darrel Granquist
9/14— Jan Parish

Ways to Serve

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United!

**Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.*

- Coffee Hour*—Make coffee and bring treats for everyone.
- Liturgist*—Being a liturgist is a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings, and our call to worship.
- Bell Choir—Would you like to join our bell choir? Whether you're experienced or a beginner, everyone is welcome to join. It's a great way to make music. Begins September 10th.
- Chancel Choir— Are you interested in joining our chancel choir? We are welcoming new members who are interested in singing away! Begins September 15th.
- Harvest Home Dinner*— Annual fundraiser for our Presbyterian Women.
- Happy Beets*—Sign up for lifters, dicers, and dishwashers.
- Crafters Group—Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM.
- Community Dinner— Be part of our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August
- Volunteering with Great Lakes*—Sign-up to build relationships and support the students at Great Lakes Elementary through reading and math. Check out the sign-up sheet for details on days, times and grades. This partnership has been a joy for those who have volunteered, and for the staff and students of Great Lakes Elementary!
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp— Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee.

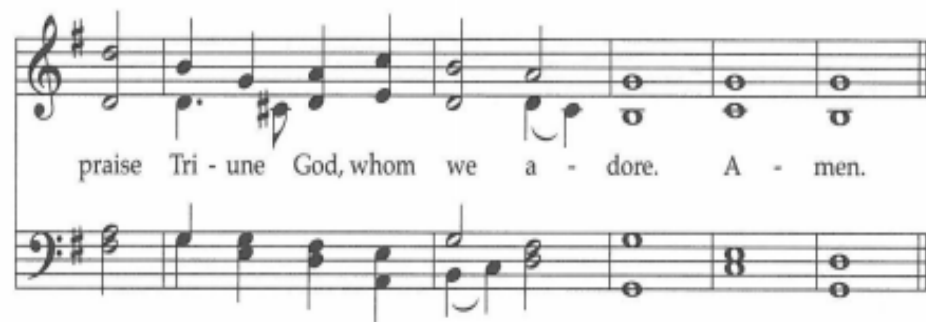
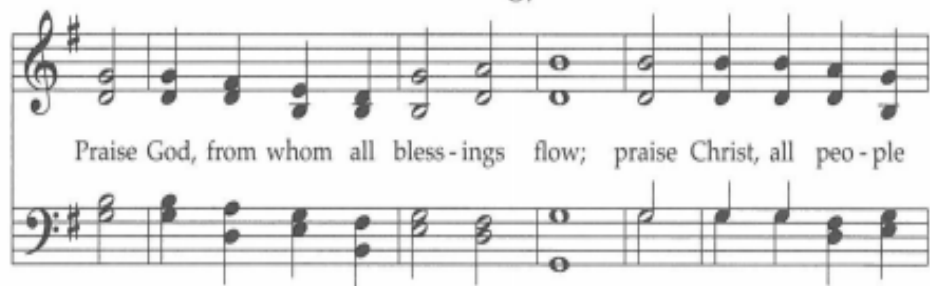
Ways To Learn Grow And Get Involved

- Confirmation—Confirmation is for any student in middle or high school.
- Spiritual Formation Small Groups*—Sign up for a Spiritual Formation group! Forms are in the narthex.
- Family Fall Retreat*— For all ages and all families at Camp Amnicon. Scan the QR code on the flyer in the narthex to register.
- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet 458

Refrain



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my



path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a



light un-to my path. When I feel a-fraid, and I



think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-side me.



Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.



Please be near me to the end.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



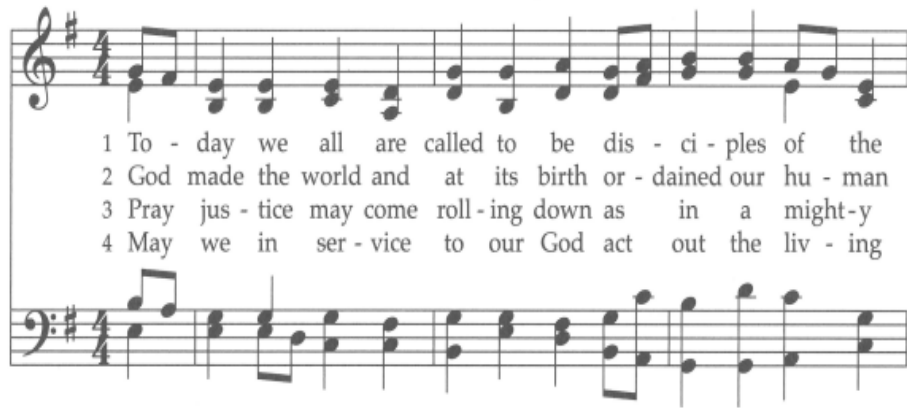
dear Re-deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



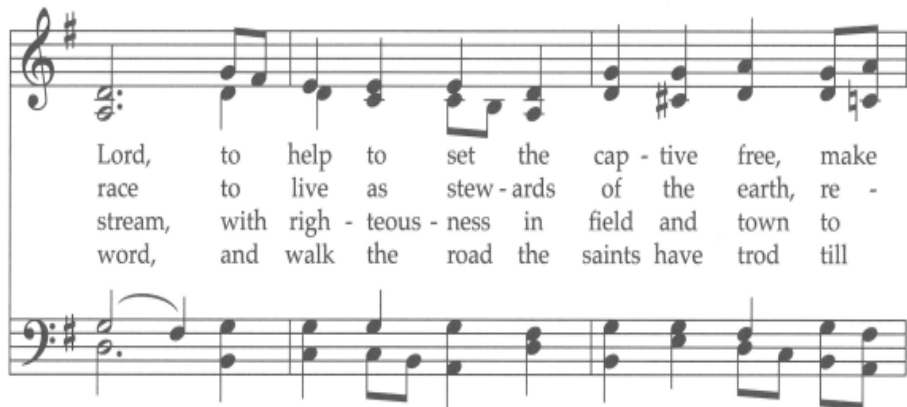
God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.



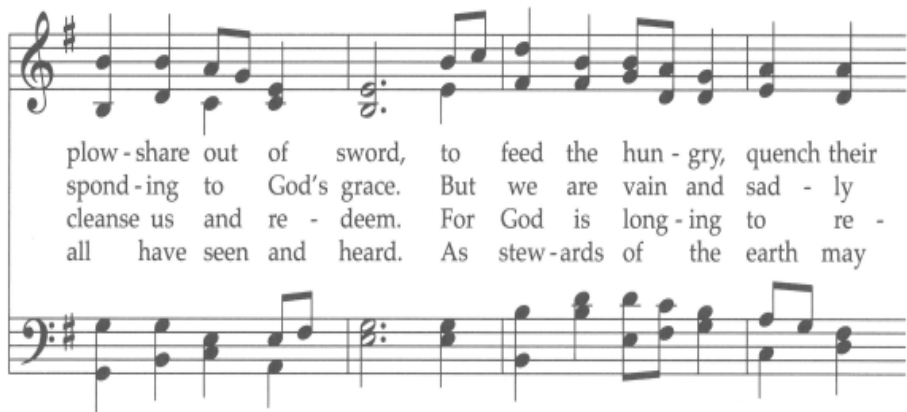
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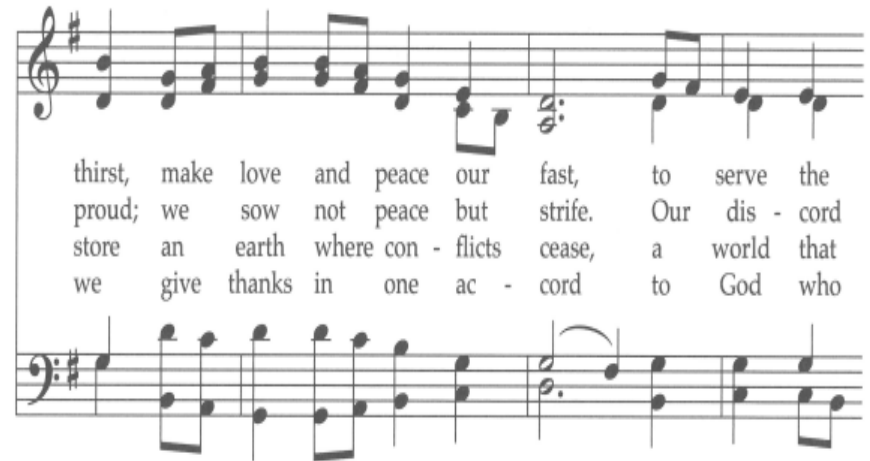
1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



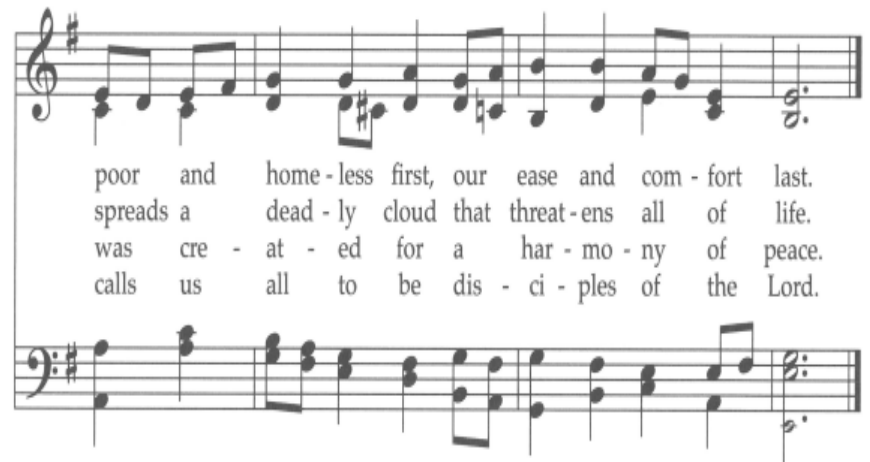
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

Rain Down

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Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)

F A7 Dm F7 Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your

(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)

F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)

F7 Bb Gm C7 Bb F

down; rain down your love, God of life.