

HELPFUL TO KNOW

If you'd like to join virtually, please connect with the following link:
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>
(If you are here in person we offer hearing assistance devices-see technology desk.)

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 request in the comments section. Additionally, the Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Dorothy Burriss 817-715-0968 (macb.dlb@sbcglobal.net) or Dean Hecht at 715-919-1325.

RIDE SHARE

Need a ride? Please check the bulletin board by the fire extinguisher in the narthex.

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Online Worship

The Third Sunday in Lent
March 23rd, 2025 10:00 AM

If you're 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 Alex Sandor
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT: Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator #18

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Ever-Present God of Grace and Love,

All: You have walked with us and held us through another week.

One: We come today to worship you with each other, our beloved siblings.

All: Some of us are joyful and hopeful, but others are exhausted, angry or fearful.

One: We confess that the injustices in our world can cause us to despair.

All: It often feels that evil and greed are winning

One: We view others as enemies, letting our differences divide

All: we cherish our resentments, shutting off our hearts from forgiveness and reconciliation.

One: We trust in our own power over things, people, circumstances or cede our power in despair

All: We forget that you are with us, that the kin-dom is here,

One: that we are called to community, to grow the kin-dom on earth

All: to live in and share your love.

One: Forgive us when we fail to right-size ourselves and our place in the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: God is at work,

All: nurturing our growth and showing us the ways that lead to life.

One: God is at work,

All: reconciling us to one another and teaching us the paths of love.

One: God is at work,

All: hearing our confessions, forgiving us and blessing us in love.

One: Thanks be to God!

*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)

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

RESPONSE Our God Is an Awesome God (2x) #616

BELL CHOIR Be Thou My Vision

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jan Letsos

Old Testament Isaiah 55: 1-13

SERMON Green Ideas in the Wilderness: Jocelyn Langholz

New Testament Luke 13: 5-8, 18-20

*HYMN Let Us Build a House #301

MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE God, We Honor You Alex Sandor #709

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: Ever-present God, who walks with us and provides what we need. In response to your abundance, we share what we have. Take all that we offer you, our 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 You Shall Go Out with Joy (2x) #80

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 55: 1-13

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 13: 5-8, 18-20

No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." And again he said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 3/23

Pastor Out— Vacation
8:45 AM Bell Choir
Coffee Hour
1:00 PM Lake Superior Ragtime Society
6:00 PM Volleyball

TUESDAY 3/25

Pastor Out— Vacation
10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir

THURSDAY 3/27

Pastor Out— Vacation
10:00 AM *The Chosen*— Viewing & Discussion
10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
4:00 PM Pasty Making

SATURDAY 3/29

Pastor Out— Vacation

MONDAY 3/24

Pastor Out— Vacation
UPBeat Deadline
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Lent Small Groups

WEDNESDAY 3/26

Pastor Out— Vacation
10:00 AM Crafters Group
4:30 PM Piano Lessons

FRIDAY 3/28

Pastor Out— Vacation
5:00 PM Scout's Fish Fry

Birthdays This Week

3/27— Chloe Rush

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.
- Crafters Group—Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM.
- Community Dinner— Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August.
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp— Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee.
- Community Garden— Help plan and carry out the UPC Community Garden project, which provides vegetables for UPC Community Dinners and Great Lakes Elementary students.
- Nursery— Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! You will serve with a Nursery Coordinator once or twice a month (your choice). *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church— Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith during Children's Church! This takes place during the Sunday service. You can volunteer once or twice a month (your choice). *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk— Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly or monthly basis. Training will be provided!

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball— Every Sunday at 6:00 PM.
- Men's Breakfast— First Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM. Contact Tom Lisak (218-348-5390) with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women— Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month (except January, February, and July) at 9:30 AM. December and June meetings are lunches at 12:30 PM.
- Pasty Making*—Thursday, March 27th at 4:00 PM in the UPC kitchen. Taught by Marian Bradley.
- Munch Bunch— Thursday, April 3rd at 5:30 PM at Guadalajara's. Come enjoy the company and food!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Rib Dinner this year will be Wednesday, April 30 starting at 4:00 PM

SCOUT'S FISH FRY

Join our Scouting Troop for this Year's Lenten Fish Fries. March 28th, & April 4th, 11th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

UPC COMMUNITY GARDNER SIGN-UP COMING!

It's almost time to sign up to be a gardener in the 2025 UPC Community Garden. In our garden, we raise vegetables used for Community Dinners and for school lunches and thereby help to address food insecurity in the community. Please consider signing up to garden in one of the containers located on church grounds, or in the raised bed at Great Lakes Elementary School down the street. Sign-up begins after church on March 30; look for the table in the narthex. Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com.

BLANK CARDS

If anyone has extra blank cards for Susan Litehiser please bring them to the office. Thank you!

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>

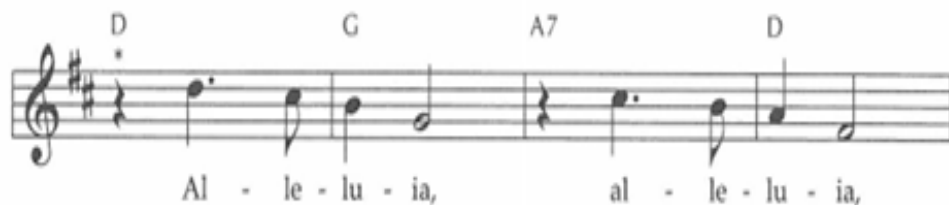
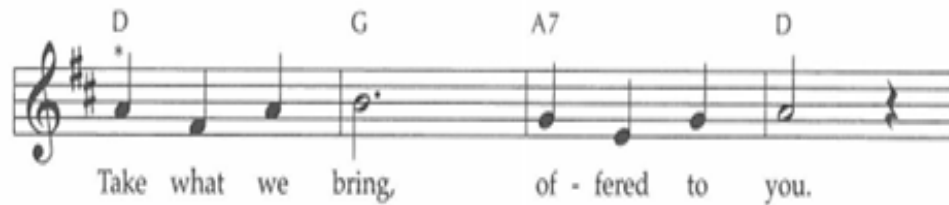
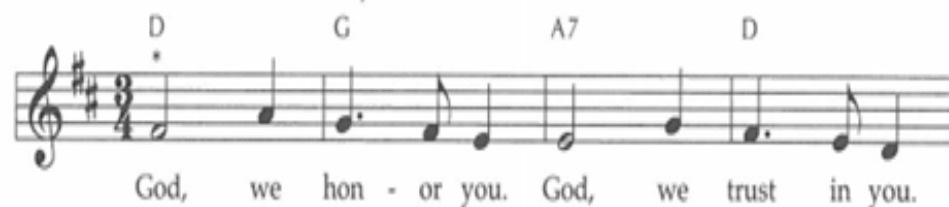
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Awesome God



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God, We Honor You



You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.

301 Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)

C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa-ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be-yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)

F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe-ly live, a place where saints and chil-dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil-dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban-quet hall on ho-ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi-sions heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)

Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for-give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a-new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus-tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out-cast and the
 as words with-in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)

Gm C F B^b

vi-sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit-ness and as sym-bol of God's grace; here as
 Je-sus, is re-vealed in time and space; as we
 strang-er bear the im-age of God's face; let us
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

THE CHURCH

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) Refrain (Em) (Bm)

F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di-vi-sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je-sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel-come;
 bring an end to fear and dan-ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf-ter:

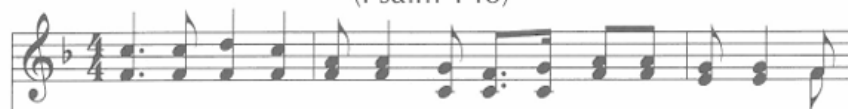
(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)

Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F C7

all are wel-come; all are wel-come in this place.

18 Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

(Psalm 148)



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and
2 Praise the Lord, all moun-tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and
3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the



stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -
wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,
heights let prais - es re-sound to the Lord, the source of



tab - lished the heav-ens, who up-holds all the earth in pow-er and
all liv - ing crea-tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the
strength and sal - va - tion for all peo-ple on whom God's fa - vor is



love. God reigns on high, let the heav-ens re - joice! (O)
sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (O)
found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (O)



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Both young and old, come and join in the song!
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

