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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

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
September 7th, 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** O God, You Are My God Alone #696

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God above, we are so grateful for You.

All: Thank You for making Yourself and that different way of life known to us.

One: Forgive those times when we overcomplicate Your word.

All: Forgive us God. We can, at times, make a mess of things.

One: The clay can spoil on the wheel.

All: We can be reshaped though!

One: In the midst of our mess, You remain a steady set of hands shaping us.

All: In Christ, no matter what is going on in our life, we are made steady and true. It is in his name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***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** For the Life That You Have Given #717

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ephraim Nikoi

Old Testament Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Sermon Praying For You: No, But Really Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Philemon 1: 1-7

***HYMN** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! #804

***CONFESSION OF BELHAR (Abridged by Pastor Brett)**

One: Let us affirm our faith together using this confession.

All: We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. This unity between people and God must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peace-maker. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** God, We Honor You Alex Sandor #709

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who gives abundantly to us, may we give of ourselves as you have given. Move in us so that we may pray for our neighbors and friends often. May we always reach out in love to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures. May we model Your expansive justice and love. We give You thanks for all these gifts and what they mean for the kingdom of God. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, pray, and care for this congregation, Superior community, and world. May we live Your "YES!" towards all people. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: For you, Creator God, the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation.

All: We give you thanks and praise.

One: For you, God of all, the church in its myriad forms and countless languages honors its Savior. Millions upon millions invite us to be one with them in the drama of worship.

All: We give you thanks and praise.

One: In heaven, beyond our seeing, the saints and angels are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of the great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven.

All: We give you thanks and praise.

One: So gladly we join our voices to those of earth, lake, and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity.

***COMMUNION HYMN We Come as Guests Invited #504**

LORD'S PRAYER

One: Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. Here at the church we invite you to come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.

PRAYER FOR AFTER WE'VE BEEN FED

One: O Friend, O Brother Jesus we have been guests at Your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share.

All: Summon out in us, whom You have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope and love. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN May the Love of the Lord #549**

***BENEDCITION**

***POSTLUDE Alex Sandor**

"I'm praying for: _____"

THE LORD'S SUPPER is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

18:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: **2** "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." **3** So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. **4** The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he re-worked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. **5** Then the word of the Lord came to me: **6** Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. **7** At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, **8** but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. **9** And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, **10** but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. **11** Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

NEW TESTAMENT

Philemon 1: 1-7

1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, **2** to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: **3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **4** I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, **5** because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. **6** I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. **7** I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

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>

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 in the crafting room inside the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office to learn more.
- Community Dinner—Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August. To learn more, contact the office or Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp—Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee. Questions? Contact Eric Schlacks 218-269-6678.
- Roast Beef Dinner*—Presbyterian Women's annual Roast Beef Dinner is Wednesday, September, 24th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Contact the office with any questions.
- 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). Contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign-up. *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). Contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign-up. *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk—Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly or monthly basis. Training will be provided! Questions? Contact Mac Burriss 304-890-2375.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!
- Men's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Family Restaurant. Questions? Contact Tom Lisak at 218-348-5390.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet 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. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.
- Adventure Group Hike—Sunday, September 21st after church. The hike will start at JoAnn Rush's house and go to the Antenna Farm with a BBQ to follow. Questions? Contact the office or Debbie Bergstrom at 218-269-4679.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/7

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
5:00 PM Volleyball at Ace's

TUESDAY 9/9

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir
5:15 PM Worship Committee

THURSDAY 9/11

10:00 AM Pickleball
2:00 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Building & Grounds

SATURDAY 9/13

MONDAY 9/8

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

WEDNESDAY 9/10

10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM Piano Lessons
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
6:15 PM Personnel Committee

FRIDAY 9/12

Birthdays This Week

9/9—Trevor Dahl
9/11—Willem McClellan
9/13—Darrel Granquist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC VOLLEYBALL

Tonight's games are at 5:00 and 5:50 PM at Ace's located at 2827 Oakes Ave, Superior, WI.

CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN ON SEPT. 14

Join us for a special garden-themed coffee hour on Sunday, September 14, to recognize another successful season of the UPC Community Garden. The intrepid UPC gardeners have already harvested lots of green beans and will soon harvest butternut squash, carrots, potatoes, and onions. These veggies will be used in dishes served at the next UPC Community Dinner. Meanwhile, students and teachers over at Great Lakes will soon harvest potatoes our gardeners have grown for use in school lunches. Yum! So please come celebrate on September 14.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will be having a congregational meeting Sunday, September 21st after worship for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee.

696 O God, You Are My God Alone

(Psalm 63)

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b



1 O God, you are my God a-lone, whom ea-ger-ly I seek,
2 Your faith-ful love sur-pass-es life, e-vok-ing all my praise.
3 Through-out the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to mind;

(D) (F#m) (G) (A) (Em) (A) (D)
E^b Gm A^b B^b Fm B^b E^b



though long-ing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my bod-y weak.
Through ev-ery day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise.
in dark-est hours I med-i-tate how God, my strength, is kind.

(G) (D) (Em) (A)
A^b E^b Fm B^b



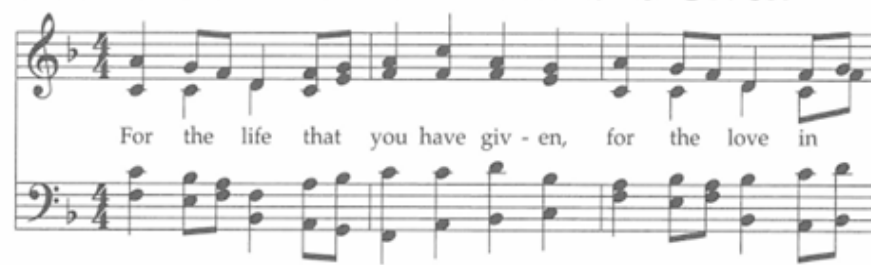
Just as a dry and bar-ren land a-waits a fresh-en-ing shower,
My deep-est needs you sat-is-fy as with a sump-tuous feast.
Be-neath the shad-ow of your wing, I live and feel se-cure;

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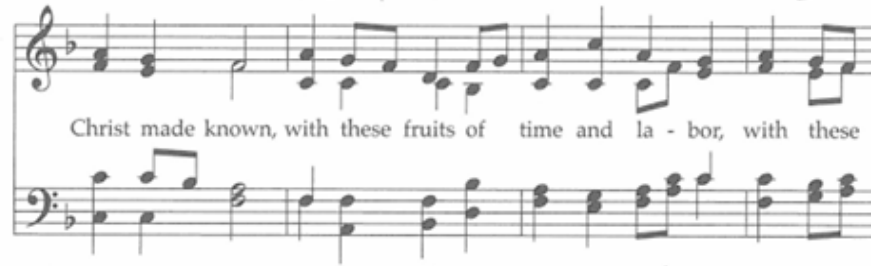


I long with-in your house to see your glo-ry and your power.
So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has nev-er ceased.
and dai-ly as I fol-low close, your right hand keeps me sure.

717 For the Life That You Have Given



For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in



Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la-bor, with these



gifts that are your own: here we of-fer, Lord, our prais-es;



heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to



love and serve you, liv-ing what we pray and sing.

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

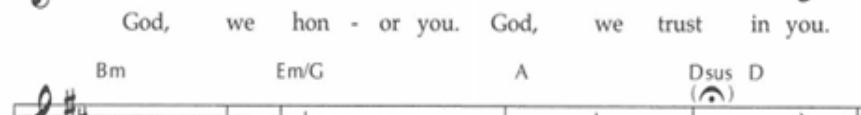


Re - joice! Re - joice!

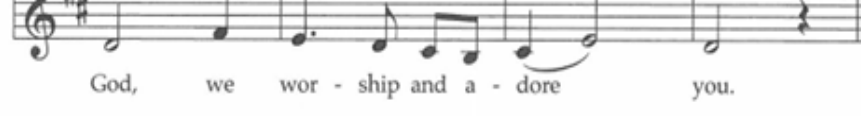
709 God, We Honor You



God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.



God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.



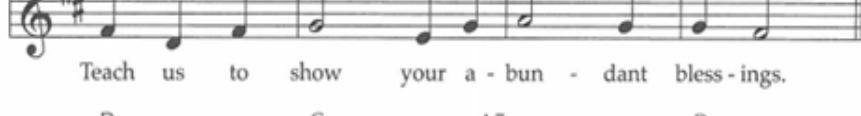
Take what we bring, of - fered to you.



Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.



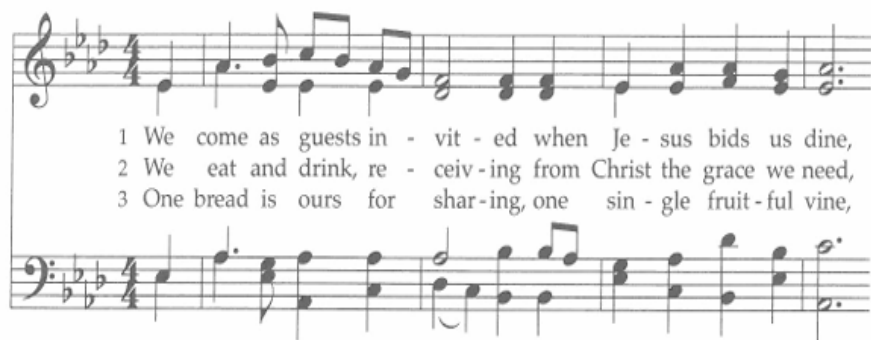
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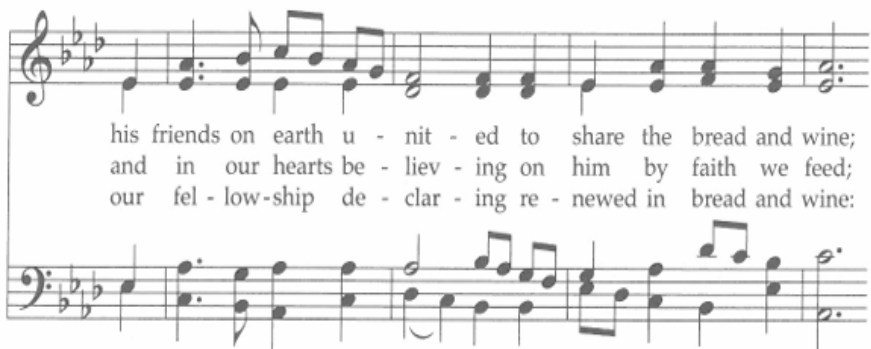
al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

*May be sung as a canon.

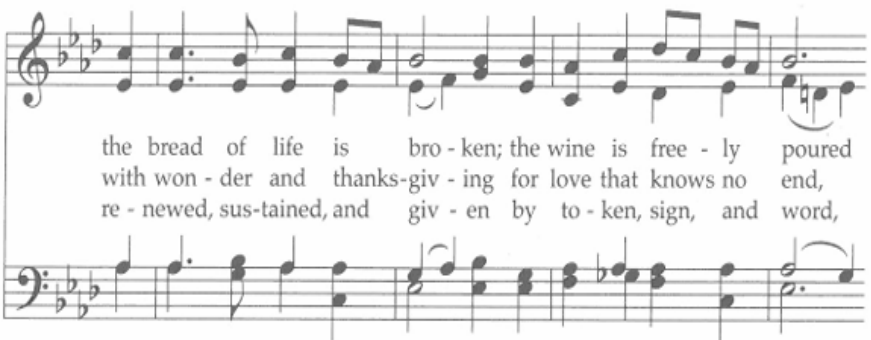
504 We Come as Guests Invited



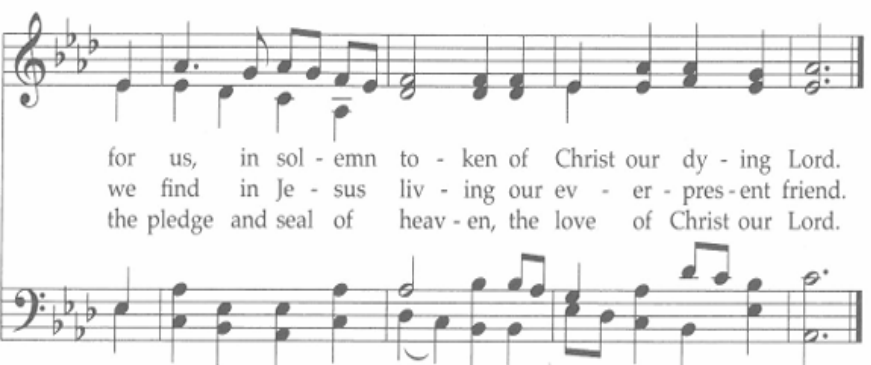
1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,



his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:



the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured
with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,
re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,



for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.
the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

May the Love of the Lord 549 唯願神的愛撫慰你的靈



May the love of the Lord rest up - on your soul.
唯願神的愛撫慰你的靈。



May God's love dwell in you, through - out ev - ery day.
每時刻他的愛住在你心裡,



May God's coun - te - nance shine up - on you and be gra - cious to you.
他的榮光照耀你, 慈愛伴隨你,



May God's Spir - it be up - on you as you leave this place.
無論何處他的靈都永遠伴隨你。