

HELPFUL TO KNOW

If you'd like to join virtually, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link: http://upc-superior.com/youtube

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 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15th, 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.

(We offer hearing assistance devices – see technology desk.)

PRELUDE Alex Sandor WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT Our God Is an Awesome God (3x) #616

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: God of our children, schools, and community...

All: We praise you for the ways you've made each person unique. We give thanks for the gifts of children and adults.

One: Help us to support kids!

All: We confess at times that we forget the small among us.

One: Help us to always have the vulnerable and young on our mind as we

seek to support our community and our neighbors.

All: Holy Spirit, move in our lives so that we may serve Superior, the Twin Ports, the United States, and the world. In Jesus' name, amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Forgive one another if you have anything against them.

All: We will not let the sun go down on our anger.

One: God will forgive us.

All: We will forgive one another.

One: Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: And ultimately, because of God's grace, 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 (2x) #48

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

*HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth #14

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION Ephraim Nikoi & Bob McClellan OFFERING
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*RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#607

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: You are the God of our community, our neighborhoods, our cities, states, nations and world! 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.

*HYMN Go, My Children, with My Blessing #547

SCRIPTURE READINGS Dustin Anderson

Old Testament Reading Psalm 19: 1-14

New Testament Reading Matthew 19: 13-15

SERMON Sunday Service Rev. Brett M. Foote

*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

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 Imfoote.upc@gmail.com

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 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.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Please pray for the Lisak Family. They have suffered the unexpected deaths of a father and child within the family. Cards are available in the narthex, already addressed. For any questions, please contact Beth Lisak.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 19: 1-14

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words: their voice is not heard; vet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 19: 13-15

Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/15

8:45 AM Chancel Choir 11:30 AM Confirmation Meeting

TUESDAY 9/17

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

THURSDAY 9/19

10:00 AM Pickleball 3:30 PM Piano Lessons 6:15 PM Session Meeting

FRIDAY 9/20

SATURDAY 9/21

MONDAY 9/16

3:30 PM Piano Lessons 5:00 PM Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY 9/18

10:00 AM Crafters Group 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Caregiver Conversations 2:00 PM CSA Pick-up 6:00 PM SF Leaders Meeting

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

9/16- Marcy Lee Price 9/16- Trent Sikorski 9/17- Mac Burriss 9/19- Alicia Willoughby 9/20- Patricia Johnson 9/21- Paul Waite

Ways to Serve

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United! *Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

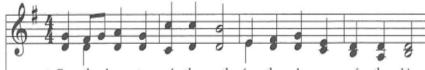
- Coffee Hour*—Make coffee and bring treats for everyone.
- Liturgist*—Being a liturgist is a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings, and our call to worship.
- Harvest Home Dinner*— Annual fundraiser for our Presbyterian Women.
- Crafters Group—Every Wednesday 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. There will be a meeting after the service today.
- 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.

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,

2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,

3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,

4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;





for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies: hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight: friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild: for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:





Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.



Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547





Our God Is an Awesome God 616





Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove



with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

This is a contemporary worship song that first gained recognition on Christian radio and later became a popular congregational song. "Awesome" here is not a trivial expression but carries the meaning of "aweinspiring" and is based on Scripture (e.g. Daniel 9:4).

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AWESOME GOD

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