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If you'd like to join virtually, please connect with the following link:
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>
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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 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-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 21st, 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** As the Deer #626

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God with whom there is no fault...

All: We give You thanks for Your overflowing grace and abundant glory.

One: We go out by the lake, we venture into the woods, we look in the mirror and we are overcome by the work of Your hands.

All: How wonderful are those works, Creator God!

One: Unfortunately, to be human means we make mistakes.

All: As much as it pains us to say it, we are not perfect.

One: Forgive us Holy God, continue to refine us like water flowing over the stones of a creek.

All: Smooth out the rough patches of our lives Holy Spirit, and guide us into all truth. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, though we make mistakes, to be human also means we are beloved creations and children of God. Each and every one of us, precious.

All: All that was wrong, all that is wrong, all that will be wrong will be made right. God is doing a good thing, a new thing in our lives.

One: Witness and believe the good news of the gospel. Because of Christ and his birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all 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)

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

CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS Kathy Nelson

Old Testament Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Sermon "You're Allowed To Be Human!": Sin & Belovedness
Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Luke 15: 1-10

***HYMN** Called as Partners in Christ's Service #761

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION LaShawn Rush & Acacia Nikoi

OFFERING
OFFERTORY Alex Sandor
***RESPONSE** These Treasured Children #487

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who is in the midst of all our flaws, we give You thanks. You provide for us, You show up and respond. You bring justice and truth. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from with intention and care. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. May live Your expansive love. We give You thanks for all of these gifts and what they mean for the kingdom of God. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for this congregation, Superior community, and world. May we live Your "YES!" towards all people. Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Here's our suggested version but feel free to pray the version you are most familiar with.)

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** We Shall Go Out with Joy #80

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will be having a congregational meeting after worship today for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee.

CELEBRATION DINNER

Reminder that we have our celebration dinner coming up on October 12 after worship, and to get you RSVP cards in by September 28. Thank you!

ANTENNA HIKE

The Antenna Farm hike is today and will start at JoAnn's house located at 705 West 9th Street Duluth, MN. The trail is located across the street and plenty of parking is available on the road. We will meet at 1:00 and there will be a BBQ to follow. This will be canceled in the event of rain.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1

8:18 My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick. **19** Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" "Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?" **20** "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." **21** For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken, I mourn, and horror has seized me. **22** Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored? **9:1** O that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 15: 1-10

15:1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." **3** So he told them this parable: **4** "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. **6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' **7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. **8** "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? **9** And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' **10** Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/21

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
Coffee Hour
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting
1:00 PM Antenna Farm Hike

TUESDAY 9/23

1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir

THURSDAY 9/25

3:30 PM Piano Lessons

SATURDAY 9/27

2:00 PM Staff Appreciation

MONDAY 9/22

2:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:15 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY 9/24

12:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:00 PM Roast Beef Dinner

FRIDAY 9/26

Birthdays This Week

9/21—Paul Waite
9/22—Jake Anderson
9/23—Adrien Ellerby
9/23—James McCumber
9/25—Roger Branham VI
9/26—Ronald Hicks
9/27—Nick Cairns
9/27—MaryJane Burdge

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<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

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As the Deer

As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my
soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.
You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone
may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Our God Is an Awesome God 616

Awesome God

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!

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



These Treasured Children 487



1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
trust our days to you; in their young lives we
ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.



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.