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If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship service live, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:

<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (YouTube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

### PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 ([jan\\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com](mailto:jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com)) or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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**Online Worship**

***First Sunday of Lent***

***February 18th, 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** Laura Petite  
**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** Lord, Prepare Me (2x) #701

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray...

**All: God, we praise you for the signs and symbols you've given us: The loaves and fish, the rainbow, bread and wine, a parted sea, the spirit as a dove, baptism in water, Jesus himself and so many more. We praise you for the ways in which these symbols teach, show, and remind us of your love. Forgive us for the times when we ignore them. Forgive us for the times we believe the signs that speak death and not life and love. Help us when we misplace our trust. Shape us with your words, signs, and symbols. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

**\*HYMN** O Sing a Song of Bethlehem #159

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: United, you are loved. Nothing less than absolutely loved by the God of the universe. Not because of anything you've done or left undone. Instead, it's because you are God's beloved and nothing in heaven or earth or in this universe can change that. Know this holy truth: Because of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection...

**All: We are all forgiven!**

**\*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** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (2x, Refrain only) #591

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Sue Olson  
**New Testament Reading** Mark 1:9-15

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

**SERMON** "Signs, Symbols, and Covenants: God With Us"  
Rev. Brett M Foote

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 9:8-17

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

**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 peacemaker. 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.**

**\*HYMN** In Christ There Is No East or West #317

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*RESPONSE** Praise God Laura Petite  
#609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures high and low, Allelujah...  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Allelujah.....**

**\*PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God of signs and symbols, thank you for the gifts of love before us, thank you for making yourself known to us in Jesus! Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized or hurt by society. Help us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we model your expansive justice and love. Send your powerful Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for each of our communities: Superior, Duluth, and Grand Rapids. We want others to know your "love that goes into the far country." Amen.**

**Prayers to be Shared** Please email or call the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

**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      Lift Every Voice and Sing      #339  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*POSTLUDE      Laura Petite

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**      *Mark 1:9-15*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Genesis 9:8-17*

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**

**SUNDAY 2/18**

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Morning Worship  
10:15 AM Children's Church  
11:00 AM Spud Day  
4:00 PM Community Dinner  
6:00 PM Volleyball

**MONDAY 2/19**

6:15 PM Piano Lessons

**TUESDAY 2/20**

10 AM Pickleball  
6 PM Bell Choir

**WEDNESDAY 2/21**

12:00 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)  
1:00 PM Caregiver Conversations  
2:00-6:00 PM CSA Pickup  
5:45 PM Soup Supper  
6:15 PM Lenten Service

**THURSDAY 2/22**

10 AM Pickleball  
7 PM AA Meeting

**FRIDAY 2/23**

**SATURDAY 2/24**

**Birthdays This Week**

2/21 Joel Johnson  
2/23 Laurie Price  
2/23 Bonnie Wallin  
2/24 Nicholas Baker

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Wednesdays, February 21-March 19  
5:45 Lenten suppers  
6:15 Lenten services  
Fridays, March 1-29 Boy Scout Fish Fry

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GET INVOLVED

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United! Two great ways that are available year-round are to sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship, or to host a coffee hour following the service. There are sign up sheets available at the back of the Narthex under the calendar!

### NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

### 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, from there they will go together to the Youth room for Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith.

**VB BY JAY** We had 14 for volleyball, great games . MVP , TOM LISAK

### PICKLEBALL AND PIZZA

On Friday, February 23rd middle and high school students are invited to come play Pickleball and eat pizza together! This will take the place of our Second Sunday Student Dinner, as the Super Bowl falls on that day. This event will be in the gym from 6-8p! No worries if you've never played—we'll teach ya! Bring a friend and come on out for a fun time together! If you have any questions, reach out to Laura after the service or by emailing: [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com).

### FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

You can join us for pickleball **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there!

**Volleyball** will be playing **every Sunday at 6 PM** unless there is an announcement stating otherwise!

### ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND SERVICES

The joint Ash Wednesday service with Pioneer Parish will be held on February 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm at UPC. This service will include the imposition of ashes for all who wish to participate.

Lenten Soup Suppers will be held on February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th. The supper will begin at 5:45 with a service following at 6:15. Signup sheets for soup, bread and milk are on the table in the narthex.

### CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Thursday, February 15th, Douglas County is at a **Low COVID-19 Community Level**. At this level, the Session-approved guidelines recommend that our community members stay up to date on vaccinations, mask in spaces with older folks and other potentially immunocompromised individuals, and stay home when sick.

LENT



#### **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>

# Lord, Prepare Me

701

## Sanctuary

Musical notation for the song 'Lord, Prepare Me' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.' Chords are indicated above the staff: A7, D, A, G, Em7, D, A, A7, D, A, G, A7, D.

# 159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Musical notation for the song 'O Sing a Song of Bethlehem' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are: '1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch - ing there, 2 O sing a song of Naz - a - reth, of sun - ny days of joy; 3 O sing a song of Gal - i - lee, of lake and woods and hill, 4 O sing a song of Cal - va - ry, its glo - ry and dis - may, and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air. O sing of fra - grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin - less boy. of him who walked up - on the sea and bade its waves be still. of him who hung up - on the tree, and took our sins a - way. The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to - day. For now the flowers of Naz - a - reth in ev - ery heart may grow. For though, like waves on Gal - i - lee, dark seas of trou - ble roll, For he who died on Cal - va - ry is ris - en from the grave. Of Je - sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al - way. Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow. when faith has heard the Mas - ter's word, falls peace up-on the soul. and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a - dored, is might-y now to save.'

# 591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le -

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Fine*

# 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

# 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em D G A Em G A D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had the  
tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.