

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

4th Sunday in Eastertide

May 11th, 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** Take, O Take Me as I Am (3x) #698

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Shepherding God...

All: You guide us into light and life!

One: We do not always enjoy the places you guide us or the discomfort it causes.

All: We confess that sometimes being shepherded stinks.

One: Forgive us for when we try to go in any direction other than the one you've called us.

All: Forgive us for not telling others of the wonderful ways you lead us.

One: Reinvigorate us and transform our lives.

All: Come, Holy Spirit and lead us in the way of the Good Shepherd. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The Good shepherd is kind to us. He leads us to still waters, green pasture, a spot to rest. Even when we are in the midst of the worst of the worst, the shepherd is with us, comforting us. When we sin and we inevitably do get some things wrong, Jesus doesn't leave us. Jesus forgives all that is broken in our lives. Because of 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!"** (share a request in the comments section)

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

***RESPONSE** Shepherd Me, O God (3x) #473

CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acacia Nikoi

New Testament John 10: 22-30

SERMON VBS Songs I Disliked and Prodding: The Good Shepherd
Rev. Brett M. Foote

Old Testament

Psalm 23: 1-6

***HYMN** Come! Live in the Light! #749

MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (2x) #469

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God our Good Shepherd, may we be shepherds ourselves and be joyfully shepherded by you. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever their from. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures. May we model your expansive justice and love. Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. May we live your "YES!" towards all people. Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

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** There is a line of women See Insert

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT

John 10: 22-30

22 At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, **23** and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. **24** So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." **25** Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, **26** but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. **27** My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. **30** The Father and I are one."

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 23: 1-6

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. **2** He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; **3** he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. **4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

ANNOUNCEMENT

COMMUNITY GARDEN KICK-OFF COMING MAY 18!

The 2025 UPC Community Garden Kick-Off will be held next Sunday, May 18, after church. We'll have a salad potluck for the entire congregation, followed by a talk for the gardeners--and anyone else who is interested--by Mark Johnson, co-owner of Alchemy (aka the Good Garden Company) in Billings Park. He'll discuss gardening basics. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to bring a salad or dessert to the potluck. It will be fun!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 5/11

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
8:45 AM SF Meeting
6:00 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 5/12

3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Finance Committee
6:00 PM James Lesage Service

TUESDAY 5/13

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
4:00 PM Cooking with Pastor Brett
6:00 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 5/14

10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:30 PM Piano Lessons
6:15 PM Personnel Committee

THURSDAY 5/15

10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

FRIDAY 5/16

SATURDAY 5/17

Birthdays This Week

5/17— Irene Eskelson

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>

1. There is a line of women
extending back to Eve
whose role in shaping history
God only could conceive.
And though, through endless ages,
their witness was repressed,
God valued and encouraged them
through whom the world was blessed.
So sing a song of Sarah
to laughter she gave birth;
and sing a song of Tamar
who stood for women's worth;
and sing a song of Hannah
who bargained with her Lord;
and sing a song of Mary
who bore and bred God's Word.
2. There is a line of women
who took on powerful men
defying laws and scruples
to let life live again.
And though, despite their triumph,
their stories stayed untold
God kept their number growing,
creative, strong and bold.
So sing a song of Shiphrah
with Puah close at hand,
engaged to kill male children,
they foiled the king's command
And sing a song of Rahab
who sheltered spies and lied;
and sing a song of Esther
preventing genocide.
3. There is a line of women
who stood by Jesus' side,
who housed him while he ministered
and held him when he died.
And though they claimed he'd risen
their news was deemed suspect
till Jesus stood among them,
his womanly elect.
So sing a song of Anna
who saw Christ's infant face;
and sing a song of Martha
who gave him food and space;
and sing of all the Marys
who heeded his requests,
and now at heaven's banquet
are Jesus' fondest guests.

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. Questions? Contact Eric Schlacks 218-269-6678.
- Community Garden*—Help plan and carry out the UPC Community Garden project, which provides vegetables for UPC Community Dinners and Great Lakes Elementary students. Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com.
- 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! Questions? Contact Mac Burriss 304-890-2375.

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. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

749 Come! Live in the Light! We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king-dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope-less so ha-tred and
and we'll walk with each oth-er as sis-ters and

free-dom of the cit-y of God.
vio-lence will be no more.
broth-ers u-nit-ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus-tice; we are called to
love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-
oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The piece includes a refrain section. Chord symbols (G, C, D, Em, Em7, Dsus, Am7) are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic structure.

Shepherd Me, O God 473

(Psalm 23)

Capo 1: (Em) (C) (G) (D)

Refrain Fm D^b A^b E^b

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

(Bm7) (C) (Am7) (Bm7) (Em)

Cm7 D^b B^bm7 Cm7 Fm

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.