

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 & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before worship for children newborn-4 years old. After the Passing of the Peace, children ages 5 through 5th grade may meet at 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.

Children's Church Ministry Leader
Choirmaster & Handbell Director
Church Secretary
Custodian
Director of Spiritual Formation
Financial Secretary
Nursery Coordinators
Organist & Pianist
Pastor
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Rev. Brett M. Foote
Dawn Long

Cover Art: Brett and Laura wheeling over lemonade, water, and cups for the 2025 5th grade graduation at Great Lakes Elementary



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Online Worship

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 26th, 2026

10:00 AM

* 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** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! #305

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: God of the mustard seed and the yeast...

All: You are present even when imperceptible.

One: You are at work even when we cannot see it.

All: You are making things new every morning.

One: Come Spirit, rend our hearts and forgive us for our impatience.

All: Forgive us for not waiting. Shake us awake and let us see Your works in this world.

One: Grow, rise, move. Show us.

All: In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: United, we miss what God is doing all the time.

All: We see as through a glass darkly...

One: God is still at work. God's growing the church, God's moving in the lives of people here at UPC.

All: God's doing God's thing.

One: Even when we miss it, God is good and God forgives us.

All: God forgives us.

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

All: We hold on to that forgiveness. 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!"

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

***RESPONSE** We've Come This Far by Faith #656

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

Sermon Yeast At Work: Baking, Garlic, & God's Presence
The Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament

Matthew 13:31-46

BAPTISM OF DANNY PETITE

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Mary Peterson, Clerk of Session

One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

All: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.

*APOSTLES CREED

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the ancient words of the Apostle's Creed.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM

***BAPTISMAL RESPONSE** Jesus Loves Me! #188

CELEBRATING LAURA

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

Mission Committee

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

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

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who is at work even if imperceptibly, thank You for Your presence in our lives. We give thanks for these gifts that allow us to love and serve You and our Twin Ports community in some precious ways. May we go out, really go out and serve our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from, with care and Your peace. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. We give You thanks Christ. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for this congregation, city of Superior, and world. 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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus #465

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 7/26

Coffee Hour—After Worship

TUESDAY 7/28

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
2:30 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 7/30

10:00 AM Pickleball

SATURDAY 8/1

MONDAY 7/27

WEDNESDAY 7/29

UPBeat Deadline
10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
8:20 PM Volleyball @ Aces

FRIDAY 7/31

Birthdays This Week

7/27—Kayla Johnson
7/27—Asher Slagter
7/31—Lorraine Little
8/1—Jane Wester

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>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

105:1 O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. **2** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. **3** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **4** Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. **5** Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered, **6** O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. **7** He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. **8** He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded for a thousand generations, **9** the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, **10** which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, **11** saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance." **45b** that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 13:31-46

13:31 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; **32** it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." **33** He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." **34** Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. **35** This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden since the foundation." **36** Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." **37** He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; **38** the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, **39** and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. **40** Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. **41** The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evil-doers, **42** and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! **44** "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. **45** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; **46** on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

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—Our next community dinner will be Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 PM. To learn more, contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! 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! Children's Church takes place during the Sunday service. 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 in the Fellowship Hall at UPC. All are welcome!
- Sand Volleyball—Come watch every Wednesday night at Aces in Superior. See the bulletin or church calendar for game times. Contact the office or Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003 with any questions.
- 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. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th, at the church. Hostesses will be Dianne Shaw and Jane Wester. All women are cordially invited to attend. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.
- Ghana Mission Network Conference—Will be held at UPC August 13–16. We're excited to host people from around the country and Ghana. Volunteer opportunities include set-up, serving, and clean-up after meals, the registration table, preparing welcome bags, providing transportation, hosting participants, and welcoming guests. Sign-up for volunteering is available in the narthex. All are invited to attend the meeting, whether it is for one or two sessions or for the entire program. Program details are available at: www.upc-superior.com/ghana-mission-network.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC JOB OPENINGS

Do you love working with children and helping them grow in faith? UPC is hiring 2 Nursery Coordinators and 1 Children's Church Ministry Leader to support our youngest members.

- Nursery Coordinator — \$16.32/hour
- Children's Church Ministry Leader — \$18.00/hour

If you're interested, please send your resume to Ephraim Nikoi at ephraimnikoi@gmail.com and Jonathan Asp at aspjonathan@gmail.com

UPC VOLLEYBALL

UPC went 1-2 last week and are now 40-14 overall. Tom and Nick had some good hits and the team had some awesome fans out cheering them on. This weeks game is at 5:50 PM. Come on out to Aces and cheer on the Burnin' Beets!

SAVE THE DATE

Join us Sunday, August 9, for a Farewell Potluck after worship as we thank Pastor Brett and Laura for all they've done. Everyone is welcome to come share food, fellowship, and well-wishes as we send them off with our blessings. If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact Kirsten Standen at 218-591-2321, or Connie Noble at 218-590-0993.

DRAGON BOAT PADDLERS

We are looking for Dragon Boat paddlers! If you're interested in joining the team, please let Kate Long know (715-392-2206).

- 1 practice week of races.
- Friday, August 21st—Parade of teams.
- Saturday, August 22nd—Race day! (Need full day of commitment)

If you would like to donate towards the fundraising, please give your donations by cash to Kate, or see her for more information on how to give.

PDA BAGS

The back to school sales are coming up so we can buy the supplies listed below on sale. Each bag will include the following below. We are looking to fill 50 bags. Contact the office with any questions. Thank you!

- 1- Blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3- 70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- 30 centimeter ruler (12 inch)
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser
- 1 box of 24 crayons

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

We've Come This Far by Faith 656

We've come this far by faith, lean - ing on the Lord,

trust - ing in the ho - ly Word; God's nev - er failed us yet.

O, can't turn a - round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

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Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,



Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain



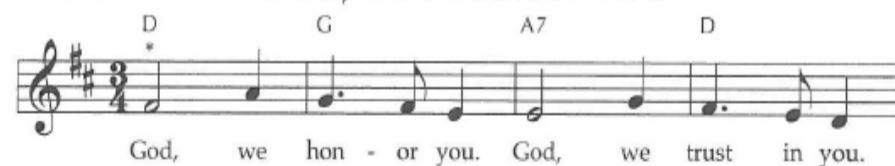
Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



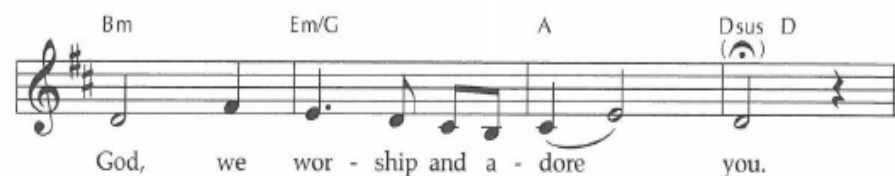
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God, We Honor You



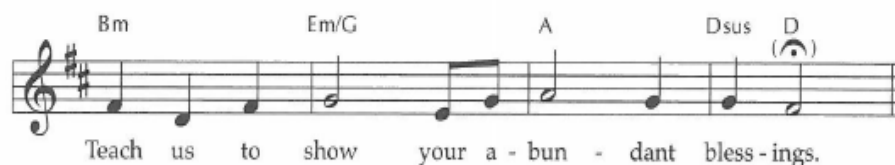
God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.



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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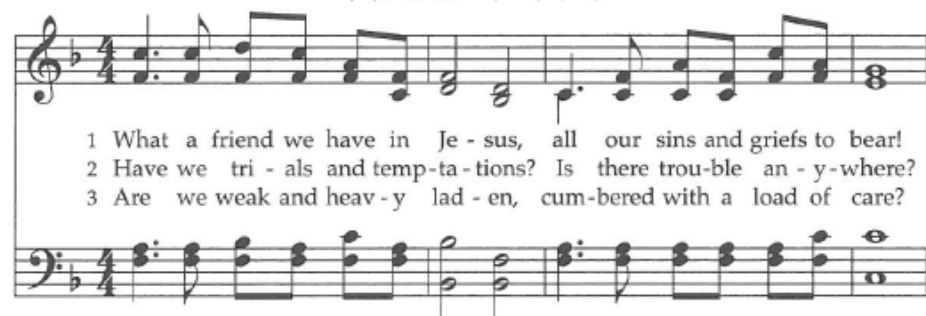


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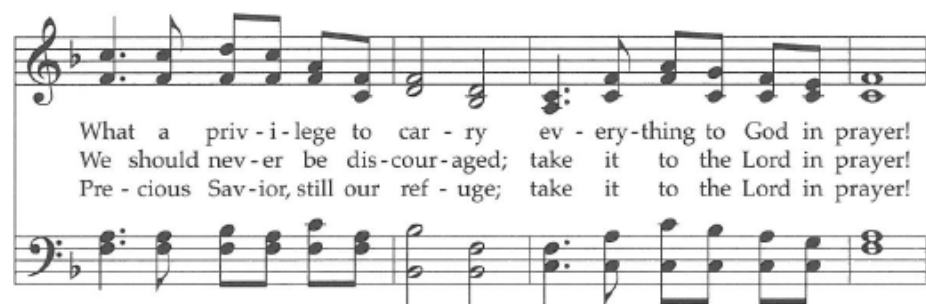
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465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

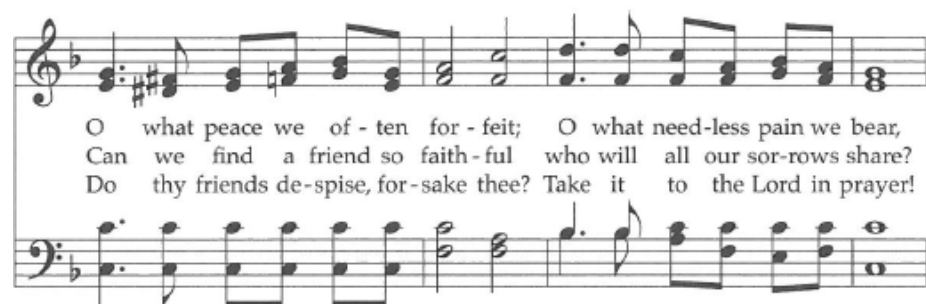
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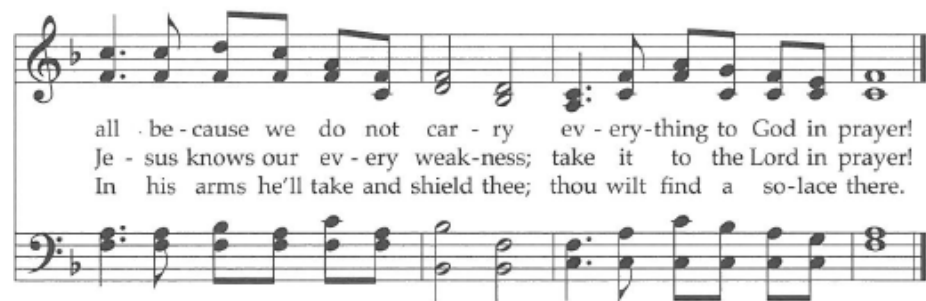
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bere'd with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all - be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.