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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.

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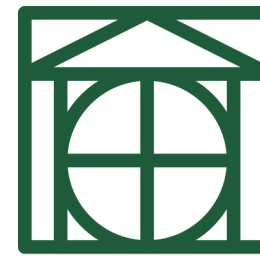
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Online Worship

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 6th, 2026

10:00 AM



**A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A)**

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

***INTROIT** **There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit** **#408**

***OPENING WORDS / CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

All: Teach, lead, turn us to Your ways, O God.

One: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

All: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God. With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: Our sins weigh us down, and we struggle to live in freedom and joy.

When we turn and return to the God who loves us, God finds pleasure.

We turn now, confessing our sins against God and neighbor.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

All: Merciful God, deliver us.

One: From selfishness and vain desires,

All: Merciful God, deliver us.

One: From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,

All: Merciful God, deliver us.

One: From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,

All: Merciful God, deliver us. Turn us away from the death sin inflicts.

Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ. 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

Tom Jacobson

Old Testament

Genesis 12:1-3

New Testament

Matthew 16:24-28

New Testament

Romans 10:5-13

Sermon "Saved?"

Rev. Rich Blood

***NICENE CREED**

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

Bob McClellan

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** Give Thanks

Alex Sandor
#647

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ. Gathered in Christ's name, surely he is among us, full of grace and truth.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and lifted up to new life. Thanks be to God.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: God of our salvation, we know what time it is—time to wake from sleep and to turn from selfishness. We offer now our time, our talents, and our resources to be used for your good purposes and all for love's sake. Through Jesus the Christ we pray.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Blessed are you, O Lord our God: you are a shepherd for your people—feeding them, protecting them from danger, binding up their wounds, searching for the lost and bringing them safely home. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Jesus is coming in glory to judge the world. Those who have cared for the needs of the least will be welcomed into his promised kingdom.

***COMMUNION HYMN Come to the Table of Grace**

#507

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. Here at the church we invite you to come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.

One: Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us your Spirit of wisdom and revelation, enlightening the eyes of our hearts so that we may live in faith, hope, and love. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

***CLOSING HYMN What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**

#837

CHARGE

BLESSING

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 Jenna at jenna.slagter@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 Jenna at jenna.slagter@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 Burris 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. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029
- Roast Beef Dinner—Wednesday, September 30th at 4:00 PM. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. Also, tickets will be sold in the narthex the Sundays of September 13th, 20th, & 27th. They will not be sent out due to high postage. Contact the office with any questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/6

Coffee Hour—After Worship
Pride Parade—After Worship

TUESDAY 9/8

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
3:30 PM Fellowship & Outreach
5:00 PM SPATA Meeting
5:15 PM Worship Committee

THURSDAY 9/10

10:00 AM Pickleball
5:00 Building & Grounds

SATURDAY 9/12

MONDAY 9/7

Office Closed—Labor Day

WEDNESDAY 9/9

10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:30 PM Troop Meeting

FRIDAY 9/11

Birthdays This Week

9/6—Erick Anderson
9/6—Diane Schmitt
9/9—Trevor Dahl
9/10—Don Christian
9/11—Willem McClellan
9/11—Cheri Tesarek

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

UPC JOB OPENINGS

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

Burnin' Beets went 6–0 (61-26 overall) on Wednesday and played as a team! The playoffs start on Wednesday with games times TBD.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Join us Saturday, September 19th for a Progressive Dinner at Amnicon Lake starting at 1:00 PM. There will be swimming, tubing, volleyball, and plenty of other excitement. See the flyer hanging in the narthex for more details. Also, there is a sign-up sheet if you plan to attend. Contact Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003, or the office with any questions.

FALL SMALL GROUPS

Fall Small Group Sign-ups are officially available! Thank you to those willing to host and lead this season of learning together. We will be studying "Appreciate These Things" by Jill J. Duffield, an 8-week reflection of Philipians 4:8. Please fill out a sign-up form and return to Jenna with \$12 by September 20. Groups will start meeting the week of September 27 or the week of October 4. If none of the meeting times work for you, please put a note on your sign-up sheet and we'll see about creating a 4th group hosted at church. Groups are as followed:

- Tuesday 1-2:30pm; Led by TBD and hosted by Dean & Cathy Hecht
- Wednesday 6:30-8pm; Led by Eric & Deb Schlacks and hosted by Cliff & Jackie Pananen
- Thursday 6:30-8om; Led by Ephraim & Acacia Nikoi and hosted by Becky Kirk

PRESBYTERY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Presbytery is seeking individuals willing to serve on the Presbytery Nominating Committee. If anyone at UPC wants to volunteer or would like more information, please contact the office.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 12:1-3

12:1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. **2** I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 16:24-28

16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **25** For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. **26** For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. **28** Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 10:5-13

10:5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." **6** But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) **7** "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). **8** But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), **9** because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. **11** The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. **13** For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

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.

647 Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
F C Dm F7/C Bb

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A Bb F/C C7 F Bb F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.