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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

The First Sunday In Lent

February 22nd, 2026

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #611

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Loving God, despite Your best efforts somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious.

All: We have to pray on our knees without ceasing. We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies. We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door.

One: But You say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine—You are surprising and extravagant.

All: We wonder: Can we be like that mustard seed? Can we be faithful and unruly? Can we be playful and curious? Can we be messy and still be wholly and fully dependent on you?

One: Because God, sometimes we trust in ourselves instead of You.

All: We know the answer already. The Holy Spirit whispers: of course, of course, of course. Forgive our doubt and forgive us for turning to ourselves instead of You.

One: Pull us closer into Your embrace. With faith like a mustard seed, we pray.

All: In Christ's name, amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's grace is wild and unruly.

All: God's mercy is abundant and surprising.

One: God's love is expansive and unending. So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?" the answer is and always will be:

All: of course, of course, of course.

One: This is the good news of the gospel, because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are always, 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** For the Life That You Have Given #717

CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Zachary Hayes

Old Testament

Exodus 16:4-8,13-15

Sermon Our Daily Bread: Dependency

Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament

Matthew 4:1-11

AN INVITATION TO THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE INCLUDING A TIME FOR SILENCE, CONFESSION AND PERSONAL REFLECTION

(You are invited to take this time for your own reflection—what hinders your relationship with God? What obstacles keep you from being the person God calls you to be? What are those things you could fast from or take on in this season that would fundamentally change you or your neighbor's physical and spiritual life?)

***HYMN & IMPOSITION OF ASHES** Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy #415

(All who would like to receive the imposition of ashes may come forward up the center aisle in two lines to receive the ashes or a blessing. You may receive your ashes in two different ways: on the hand by outstretching it or on your forehead by doing nothing. You may receive only the words by crossing your arms in front of yourself.)

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #606

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God whom we are dependent on, thank You for loving us. Thank You for calling us each beloved. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from, with care. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. May we 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 each be able to share the good news that Christ is at work in our communities! Amen.

TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** You Shall Go Out with Joy (2x) #80

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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 next dinner in June. To learn more, contact the office or 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!
- Volleyball—Every Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC.
- Men's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Family Restaurant. March 7 is the next breakfast. Questions? Contact Tom Lisak at 218-348-5390.
- Women's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Waffles. March 7 is the next breakfast. Contact Dorothy Burriss at 817-715-0968 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.
- Lenten Small Group—Every Sunday at 8:45a in the Youth Room, today through March 29. If you have any questions, contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com.

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

Exodus 16:4-8, 13-15

16:4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. **5** On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." **6** So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, **7** and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" **8** And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." **13** In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. **14** When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. **15** When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 4:1-11

4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. **2** He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. **3** The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." **4** But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" **5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, **6** saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" **7** Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" **8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, **9** and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." **10** Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" **11** Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPUD DAY

Join us for our Spud Day lunch right after the service today. Everyone is welcome to join us!

LAKE SUPERIOR RAGTIME SOCIETY

Starting at 1:00 PM today, join us for an afternoon of ragtime here at UPC! Come listen to great music, and if you play ragtime we'd love to hear you!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 2/22

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
8:45 AM Lenten Small Group
11:00 AM Spud Day Lunch
1:00 PM Lake Superior Ragtime Society
6:00 PM Volleyball

TUESDAY 2/24

*Pastor Out of Office
10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Gym Rental

THURSDAY 2/26

*Pastor Out of Office
10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Kickstarters Soccer

SATURDAY 2/28

*Pastor Out of Office

MONDAY 2/23

*Pastor Out of Office
2:30 PM Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY 2/25

*Pastor Out of Office
10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Walking Group
4:00 PM Piano Lessons

FRIDAY 2/27

*Pastor Out of Office

Birthdays This Week

2/23—Danielle Hayes
2/23—Laurie Price
2/23—Bonnie Wallin
2/24—Nicholas Baker

*Pastor out of office for vacation and continuing education.

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

All or Leader

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,
 2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

Refrain
All

full of pit - y, love, and power.
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and
 you will nev - er come at all. is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise *him, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

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.