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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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 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 Lord, Prepare Me (2x) #701**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God of our stories...

All: We praise Your name and Your people for showing up in our lives.

One: We give You thanks for the moments we can look back upon and say "You were there!"

All: Those moments when it was clear you were up to something.

One: We confess holy God that at times we don't remember those moments of faith.

All: At times we are awfully forgetful... sometimes willfully so!

One: Yet, we come before You and we ask forgiveness.

All: Melt and refine us. Shape and mold us. Sanctify us further in Jesus' name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, we no longer have to beat ourselves up with "should"s and "shouldn't"s. We no longer need to beg to be seen, known, or experienced as a whole person worthy of love. God sees us and our neighbors for who we are, beloved. Friends, it is because of Christ and his birth, life, sacrifice, and resurrection that...

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 We've Come This Far by Faith (2x) #656**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deborah Schlacks

Old Testament Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19

Sermon Faith Stories: Saints & Moments Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Hebrews 11: 29-38

***HYMN Will You Come and Follow Me #726**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE Great God of Every Blessing (vs. 1) #694**

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who we come to in faith and who shows up in our stories.

May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. May we model Your expansive justice and love. We give You thanks for all 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 live Your "YES!" towards all people. 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.)

One: Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

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 Fellowship, What a Joy Divine #837**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE Alex Sandor**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC VOLLEYBALL

UPC went 5-1 last Sunday and are now 37-35. Emmett gave every UPC player a high five after the game! Tonight's games are at 6:40 and 7:30 PM at Ace's located at 2827 Oakes Ave, Superior, WI.

PDA SCHOOL KIT SUPPLIES

Once again PDA bags are needed. Good news, the bags will be ready. Now we need supplies to put in them. The back to school sales are coming up so we can buy the supplies listed below on sale. The bags will be packed during the September 14 Worship Service. 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

LEARN TO BLANCH VEGETABLES!

Join members of the UPC Community Garden team in the kitchen right after the August 24 service to learn how to blanch vegetables! It should take only about 20 minutes, if that long, to demonstrate this process, which is used to prepare fresh vegetables for freezing in order to preserve their taste and texture.

PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Brett will be out of the office August 18-25. If there happens to be a Pastoral emergency while he's away please contact Dean Hecht of the Deacons 715-919-1325.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19

80:1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth **2** before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! **8** You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. **9** You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. **10** The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; **11** it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. **12** Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? **13** The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. **14** Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, **15** the stock that your right hand planted.[a] **16** It has been burned with fire; it has been cut down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance. **17** But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. **18** Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. **19** Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 11: 29-38

11:29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. **30** By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. **31** By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,[a] because she had received the spies in peace. **32** And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, **33** who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, **34** quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. **35** Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. **36** Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. **37** They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two;[b] they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— **38** of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

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 Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August. To learn more, contact the office or Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- 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). Contact Laura at Imfoote.upc@gmail.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 during Children's Church! This takes place during the Sunday service. You can volunteer once or twice a month (your choice). Contact Laura at Imfoote.upc@gmail.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. All are welcome!
- Men's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Family Restaurant. Questions? Contact Tom Lisak at 218-348-5390.
- 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/17

12:00 PM Kayak & Canoe
4:00 PM Community Dinner
6:40 PM Volleyball at Ace's

TUESDAY 8/19

Pastor Out of Office
10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY 8/21

Pastor Out of Office
10:00 AM Pickleball

SATURDAY 8/23

Pastor Out of Office

MONDAY 8/18

Pastor Out of Office
6:01 PM Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 8/20

Pastor Out of Office
10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up

FRIDAY 8/22

Pastor Out of Office

Birthdays This Week

8/17—Melinda Yingling
8/23—Camryn Shepard

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>

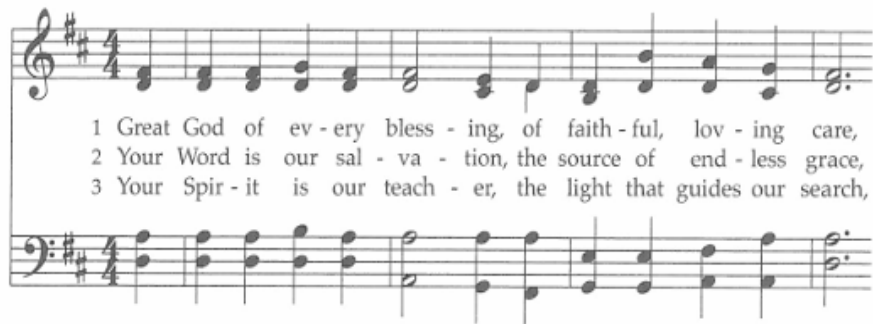
Lord, Prepare Me

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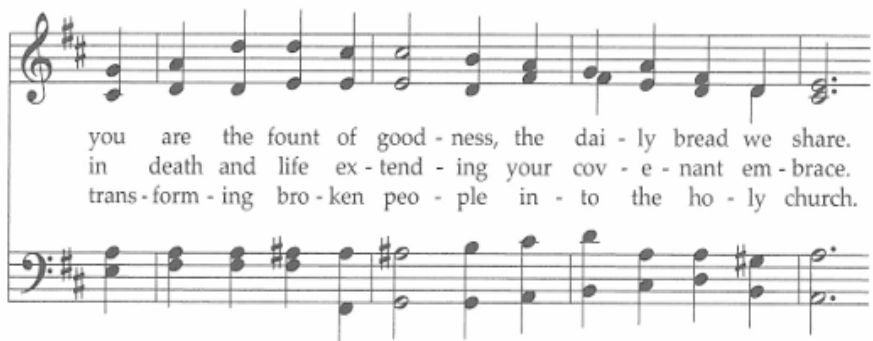
Sanctuary

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.

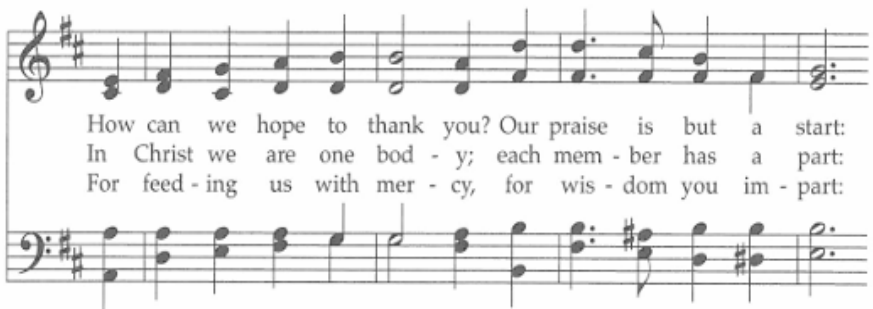
694 Great God of Every Blessing



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



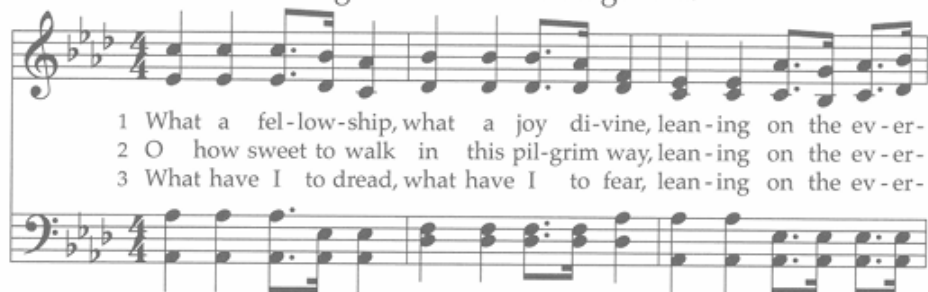
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



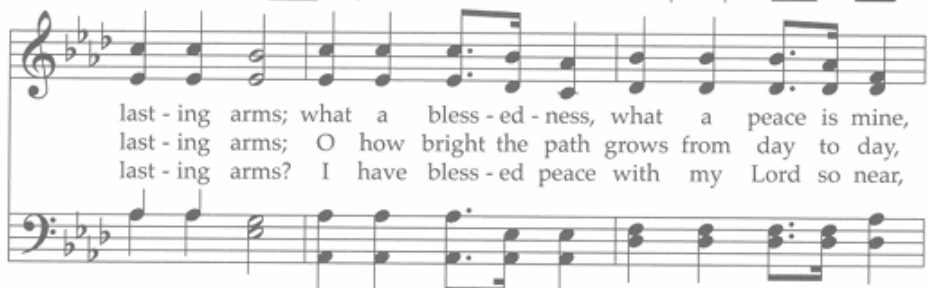
sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

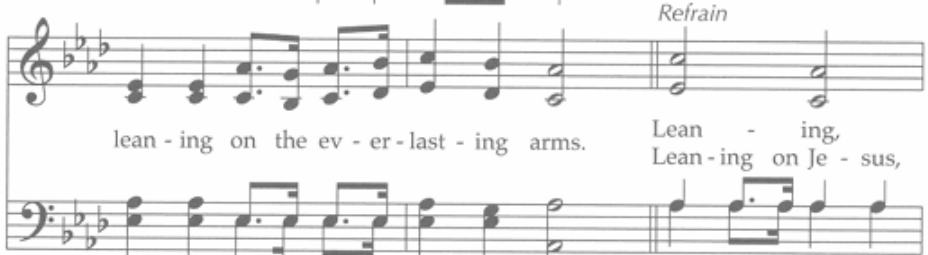
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



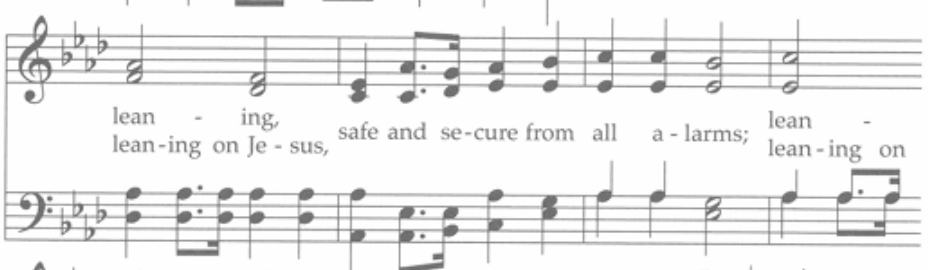
1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



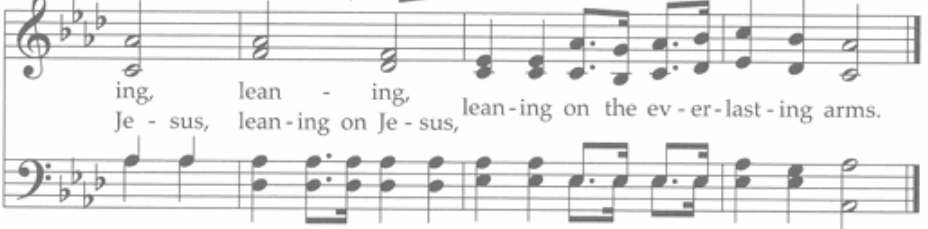
last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



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



lean - ing,
lean - ing on Je - sus, safe and se - cure from all a - larms; lean - ing on



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

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

We've Come This Far by Faith 656

