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<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (YouTube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

### PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 ([jan\\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com](mailto:jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com)) or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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### Online Worship

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 17th, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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

If you are 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT**

Sing a New Song Unto the Lord #276

**PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God of justice, mercy, and humility we praise you for taking this world and redeeming it.**

**Thank you Holy Spirit for inspiring us to serve.**

**Often there are times when we are not: Just, merciful, or humble.**

**Forgive us.**

**Change our hearts.**

**Inspire us to serve.**

**In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

**\*HYMN** For Everyone Born #769

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: We don't always do what's good. We don't always do what the Lord requires. Thankfully God does not require perfection. Instead, God delights in our progress. God delights in you, just as you are today. Because of Christ's 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!" (You may pass the peace in the comments section.)

**\*RESPONSE** 1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
2. Hide it under a bushel? NO  
3. Shine it around the neighborhood  
4. Let is shine 'til Jesus comes

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Jane Wester  
New Testament Reading Matthew 18:21-35

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM** Exalted is The Lord

**SERMON** "Holy Chaos, Helping Hands, and Wonderful Worship"  
Mission/Service Team Asheville

**Old Testament Reading** Micah 6:8

**\*HYMN** Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples #757

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Alex Sandor

**\*RESPONSE** We Give Thee But Thine Own (vs. 1) #708  
We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

**PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God of justice, may we serve you wholly and fully. Bless us so that we may be a blessing to our neighbors and fellow pilgrims. Bless us so that we might elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized. Bless others as we give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we represent your expansive justice and love. Help us to let others know they are beloved. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and even Asheville, North Carolina may know your "love that goes into the far country." Amen.**

**Prayers to be Shared** Please email or call the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

***Matthew 18:21-35***

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Micah 6:8***

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**

**SUNDAY 9/17**

**8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Morning Worship  
4 PM Community Dinner  
6 PM Boy Scouts**

**MONDAY 9/18**

**Rev. Josh Heikkala Visit**

**TUESDAY 9/19**

**Rev. Josh Heikkala Visit  
10 AM Pickleball  
6 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal**

**WEDNESDAY 9/20**

**Rev. Josh Heikkala Visit  
10 AM Pickleball  
12 PM Staff Meeting  
1 PM Caregiver Conversations  
2-6 PM CSA Pickup  
4:45 PM Rev. Josh Heikkala Presentation @ Church  
followed by dinner on the Lake**

**THURSDAY 9/21**

**1 PM UPBeat Deadline  
6:15 PM Session Meeting  
7 PM AA Meeting**

**FRIDAY 9/22**

**SATURDAY 9/23**

**Birthdays This Week**

**9/19 Alicia Willoughby  
9/20 Patricia Johnson  
9/21 Paul Waite  
9/22 Jake Anderson  
9/23 Adrien Ellerby  
9/23 James McCumber**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**September 24 Back to School Blessing  
September 26 Harvest Home Dinner**

**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

### LITURGIST & COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

There are two sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex, one to sign up to host our coffee hours following the service, and one where you can sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship services. These are both great opportunities to get involved with the church!

### INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are fully stocked! Thank you to all who have donated! If you have items you are wanting to donate, please consider another organization. There is a box for Ruth House and a box for Salvation Army on the back table in the narthex.

### WELCOME NURSERY COORDINATORS

On behalf of the Personnel committee, we would like to welcome Annika Nikoi & Danielle Brady-Anderson to the staff as our new Nursery Coordinators!

### NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

### 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, from there they will go together to the Youth room for Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith. *There will be no Children's Church this Sunday, September 17, children are invited to remain in the service and learn about the mission experience to Asheville, NC!*

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

During the service on September 24 we will be having a special blessing for all of our students, teachers, and leaders that are beginning a new school year!

### SMALL GROUP FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Calling all middle and high school students! On October 1st we will be starting a six-week study called: Worship at the Table. This will be a time to build community with one another, reflect on scripture and how it intertwines with our lives, and enjoy a delicious meal together! This group will be led by Laura Foote and Don Jensen, and will meet on Sundays at 6:30p at Laura and Brett's home. If you have any questions or are planning to come, please reach out to Laura after the service or send an email to [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com).

### FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Join us for pickleball every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday at 10:00 AM**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUPERIOR REBUILD FORMS

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with a large scale or small scale project, such as home repairs or upgrades, Superior Rebuild would like to help! There are forms available at the back of the narthex that can be filled out with details about the work that needs to be done. Once they are filled out, feel free to put them into the offering plate, mailbox, or in the office. You may also scan and email the form to the office if that is convenient for you.

### COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our free Community Dinner this Sunday, September 17th. Dine in is available from 4-5 PM, then at 5 PM, leftover meals will be packaged up and distributed for anyone who would like to enjoy a hot meal at home instead. We cannot guarantee pick up availability, nor can we distribute pickups any earlier than 5 PM. We will be having a harvest meal, consisting of foods grown in our community garden. If you would like to volunteer to help with set up or serving, any and all assistance would be welcomed! Check the sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex for volunteer times.

### 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating UPC's 25th Anniversary the evening of October 7th, at Barker's Island Inn. Social time will begin at 5 PM, followed by a buffet dinner at 6 PM, Love Creamery Ice Cream for dessert at 6:45 PM, and a program to begin at 7 PM. Tickets are currently on sale—they are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for children 10 & under.

### REV. JOSH HEIKKALA VISIT

Rev. Joshua Heikkala, the PC(USA) mission co-worker for West Africa based out of Ghana, will be with us from September 18-20. During that time he will be visiting with our mission committee, where we will discuss ways to further partner with him. Then, on September 20, we will be hosting a presentation by Rev. Heikkala at the church at 4:45 PM, followed by dinner down by the lake at Cliff & Jackie Pananen's.

### CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, September 15th, Douglas County is at a Low COVID-19 Community Level. At this level, the Session-approved guidelines recommend that our community members stay up to date on vaccinations, mask in spaces with older folks and other potentially immunocompromised individuals, and stay home when sick.



## Worship at the Table

Whether prepared in a fancy restaurant, picked up through a fast food line, or made in your kitchen, whether eaten with friends in celebration, in the car between events, or on the couch alone, food is an essential part of daily life for all people around the world.

Our cultural and personal experiences are often intimately tied to what we choose, or choose not, to eat. Our meals tell stories about who we are and where we come from. The Bible echoes this truth: Stories of meals and the act of eating show up numerous times throughout the Bible. Breaking bread and eating together has been part of Christian worship since Christianity's earliest days. Meals are more than just a handy metaphor in the Bible. God often uses meals to prove God's provision for, redemption of, and ongoing communion with humanity.

If you've never considered the spiritual implications of food or you don't think of yourself as a "foodie," that's okay! Week by week, these lessons will help you and your community grow in your understanding of the ways food shapes you—and to find rest, joy, and healing every time you eat.

# Spiritual Formation Groups

Starting the week of **October 1st!**

Hello UPC!

The Spiritual Formation Committee welcomes you back to another programmatic year...and with that some exciting news: Following the incredible response to our first small groups, we are looking forward to sharing with you our second ever offering which comes from our friends at Edible Theology. We will "Worship At The Table" together this fall. Because we know you are all very busy, we are providing multiple meeting times throughout the week with the hopes that everyone who wishes to join in and grow in their relationships with God, food, their faith, and each other will be able to do so.

Groups will meet weekly at the same time, always over a meal, and in a host home. The groups will begin meeting the first week of October and run through the second week of November.

We are aiming to keep groups intimate with no more than 10-12 people in each group. Last time, all of our groups filled up in the first two weeks of sign ups. If one date/time is really popular we will try to create another group for that date/time. We ask that you sign up for a group that you will be able to attend most regularly. This will allow groups to create a consistent connection and grow to share, pray, and wrestle with any confusing or difficult questions they have. **Sign ups begin this week and will run through Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## Sign Up for a Spiritual Formation Group

Please tear off this section and put it into the offering plate OR contact the church during business hours.

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Food allergies and/or restrictions:

**(Circle One)**

Booklet of weekly reflections: Printed or Emailed

Would childcare prohibit you from signing up? Yes or No

**(Circle One)**

**a. Monday (6-7:30 pm)**

(Leaders: Deborah & Eric Schlacks, Hosts: Beth & Tom Lisak)

Host Location: Amnicon Lake

\*Hosts have cats.

**b. Tuesday (1:00 pm)**

(Leader: Jane Wester, Hosts: Cathy & Dean Hecht)

Host Location: Superior East End/Near Church

\*Barrier Free & No Animals

**c. Tuesday (6:15-7:45 pm)**

(Leader: Pastor Brett, Host: Debbie Bergstrom)

Host Location: Billings Park

**d. Wednesday (6:30-8:00 pm)**

(Leaders: Erica Schulz, Hosts: Bev & Tom Vosburgh)

Host Location Billings Park

\*Hosts have dogs sometimes.

# Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

Refrain

Musical score for 'Sing a New Song unto the Lord' (Psalm 98). The score is in G major, 3/4 time, and consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Sing a new song un-to the Lord; let your song be sung from moun-tain's high. Sing a new song un-to the Lord, sing-ing hal-le-lu-jah! 1 Shout with glad-ness! Dance for joy! O come be- 2 Rise, O chil-dren, from your sleep; your Sav-ior 3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo-ry fore the Lord. And play for God on now has come. He has turned your of the Lord. The trum-pet sounds; the glad tam-bou-rines, and let your trum-pet sound. sor-row to joy, and filled your soul with song. dead shall be raised. I know my Sav-ior lives.'

# 769

# For Everyone Born

Musical score for 'For Everyone Born'. The score is in G major, 3/4 time, and consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '1 For ev-ery-one born, a place at the ta-ble, 2 For wom-an and man, a place at the ta-ble, 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta-ble, 4 For just and un-just, a place at the ta-ble, 5 For ev-ery-one born, a place at the ta-ble, for ev-ery-one born, clean wa-ter and bread, re-vis-ing the roles, de-cid-ing the share, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, a-bus-er, a-bused, with need to for-give, to live with-out fear, and sim-ply to be, a shel-ter, a space, a safe place for grow-ing, with wis-dom and grace, di-vid-ing the pow-er, the hands of a child in hands that are wrin-kled, in an-ger, in hurt, a mind-set of mer-cy, to work, to speak out, to wit-ness and wor-ship, for ev-ery-one born, a star o-ver-head, for wom-an and man, a sys-tem that's fair, for young and for old, the right to be-long, for just and un-just, a new way to live, for ev-ery-one born, the right to be free.'

*Refrain*

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and  
 joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,  
 God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,  
 jus-tice and joy!

Chords: B, All, E, E/G#, A2, Bsus, B, E, E/G#, A2, Bsus, B, C#m, C#m/B, A2, Bsus, B, E, Fine, A2, E, Bsus, B

# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 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.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

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.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

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.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

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.