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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 & 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. 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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 27th, 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

*INTROIT Spirit, Open My Heart #692

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: What wondrous gifts our Creator has given us!

All: God, we are in awe, and we praise You!

One: What amazing love Christ has offered us!

All: Christ, we are healed, we are changed, and we thank you!

One: What blessings and powers the Holy Spirit has given us!

All: You have given us new life!

One: Yet, in all of this we confess that sometimes we forget you. We are so concerned for our own comfort

All: that we forget our neighbors.

One: We are so attached to our own will

All: that we forget yours.

One: We are so pleased with our possessions

All: that we forget that they are yours.

One: Forgive us,

All: heal our hearts, restore Your Spirit in us, and re-create us in Your image.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: God is always present, even when we chose to go it alone. God is ready to welcome us back into right relationship. In Christ, we are forgiven. We live in God's grace, which makes us new in every moment.

All: Thanks be to God.

*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 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me #582

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Jackie Pananen

Jeremiah 29:4-14

New Testament

Acts 4:31-35

Sermon "Mutuality and Grace"

Jocelyn Langholz

New Testament

Matthew 6:19-26

*HYMN We Praise You, O God #612

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION Kirsten Standen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

*RESPONSE Give Thanks #647

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that you have given us. In the upside-down world of the Gospel, we measure our wealth not what we have, but what we can give away. As we give today, we share what we have to bless and care for one another, this family of faith, and our neighbors near and far. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Take Me Life (vs 1-4) #697

*BENEDICTION

From *The Serviceberry*, Robin Wall Kimmerer

"In a gift economy, wealth is understood as having enough to share, and the practice for dealing with abundance is to give it away. In fact, status is not determined by how much one accumulates, but by how much one gives away. The currency is relationship, which is expressed as gratitude, as interdependence and the ongoing cycles of reciprocity. "

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>

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 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!
- Men's Breakfast—Saturday, October 3rd, 9:00 AM at Aces in Superior (front private room).
- Women's Waffles—Saturday, October 3rd, 9:00 AM at Superior Waffles.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January 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 today. They will not be sent out due to high postage. Contact the office with any questions.
- Munch Bunch—Join us Thursday, October 1st, at 5:30 PM for dinner at the Covered Wagon located in Hawthorne, WI. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/27

Coffee Hour—After Worship

TUESDAY 9/29

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
1:00 PM SF Small Groups
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 10/1

10:00 AM Pickleball
5:30 PM Munch Bunch
6:30 PM SF Small Groups

SATURDAY 10/3

9:00 AM Men's Breakfast
9:00 AM Women's Waffles

MONDAY 9/28

UPBeat Deadline
2:00 PM Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY 9/30

10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:00 PM Roast Beef Dinner

FRIDAY 10/2

Birthdays This Week

9/27—Nick Cairns
9/27—MaryJane Burdge
9/29—Rev. Brett Foote
9/29—Chuck LeMieux
9/30—Laura Foote
9/30—Butch Gronquist
10/1—Carsen Johnson
10/1—Abby Willmore
10/2—Tyler Brue
10/3—Jeff Skoraczewski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC CHOIR

Make joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth! Make a loud noise, rejoice, and SING PRAISE by joining the UPC Choir! Choir rehearsals will begin Sunday, October 4th at 8:45 AM in the sanctuary. Come be a part of the joyful noise! Contact the office with any questions.

RSVP FORMS—CELEBRATION SUNDAY

If you haven't filled out the RSVP form for Celebration Sunday, blank forms are available by the front door. Don't miss out!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 29:4-14

29:4 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: **5** Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. **6** Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. **7** But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. **8** For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, **9** for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. **10** For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. **11** For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. **12** Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. **13** When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, **14** I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 4:31-35

4:31 When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness. **32** Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. **33** With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. **34** There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. **35** They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 6:19-26

6:19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, **20** but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **22** "The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, **23** but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! **24** "No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. **25** "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Our All Saints' Day worship will take place on Sunday, November 1st. We would love to remember any loved one who has passed in the last 12 months. Forms are available at the back of the narthex. Please return completed forms to the office or place them in the offering plate. Deadline for submitting names is Monday, October 26th.

PICKLING BEETS

We'll be pickling beets on Saturday, October 10, beginning at 9:00 AM. If you'd like to help by bringing one of the needed items or volunteering in the kitchen, sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Reach out to the office with any questions.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

We'll be collecting the World Communion Offering next Sunday, October 4th. See the insert for more details.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

UPC will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 25 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Never heard of a trunk-or-treat? A trunk-or-treat is a Halloween activity where folks decorate their cars and gather in a parking lot to hand out candy to children in a safe atmosphere (typically at schools or churches). A sign up sheet is in the narthex if you would like to host a trunk, or you can contact the office. We also are gladly accepting donations of candy for the event. Please drop your donations off at the UPC office on or before October 23.

NOTES FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Donation Station boxes are ready and waiting for **canned tomatoes** of any type. Diced, stewed, halved or quartered, seasoned, spiced or plain, they are all welcomed by the students at UWS.

- **Canned protein** of any type is also requested by UWS. This could be tuna, chicken, or SPAM. Store brands rather than name brands are absolutely accepted and thrifty shoppers always check sale prices!!
- This food drive will continue through the end of October. At that time we will begin working on Christmas Baskets!
- The medicine bottle collection has ended. We will probably do it again in the spring, so keep collecting, just keep them at home, please.

Thank you for your generosity!

VOLUNTEERING WITH GREAT LAKES

Interested in volunteering at Great Lakes Elementary? There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex with all the days and times. Please fill it out and return it to Jenna by October 4.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B $\flat$ C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B $\flat$ Gm7 F B $\flat$ F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B $\flat$ C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$ *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

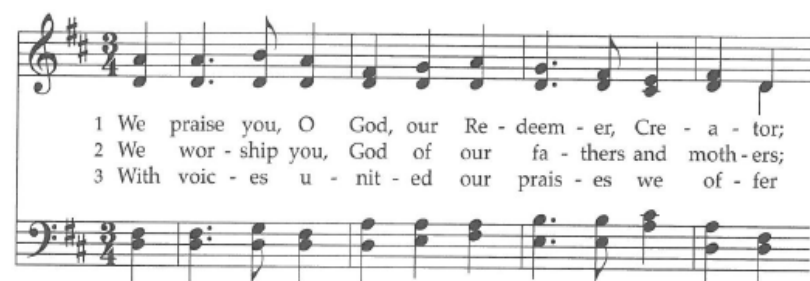
(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

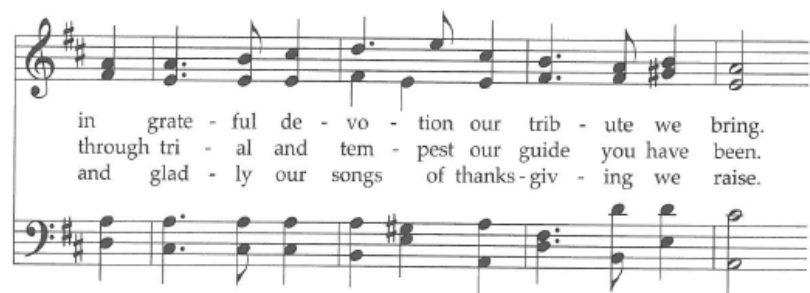
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

We Praise You, O God 612



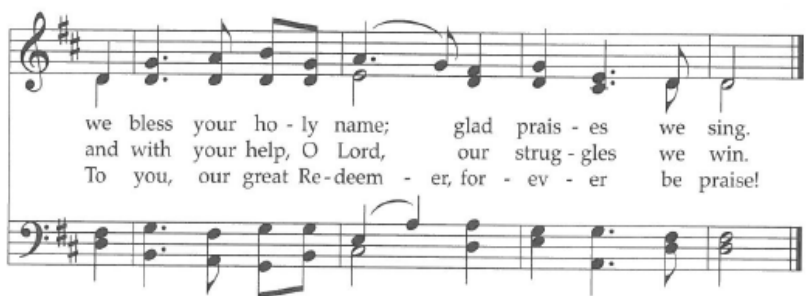
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring,
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

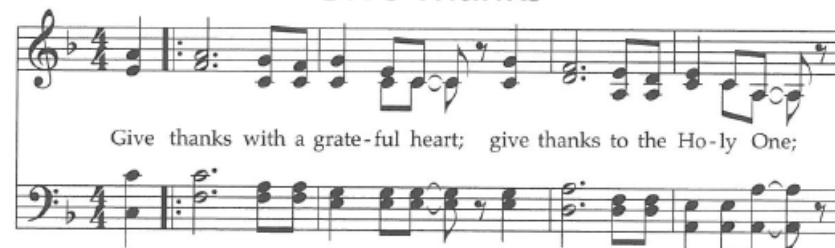


We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

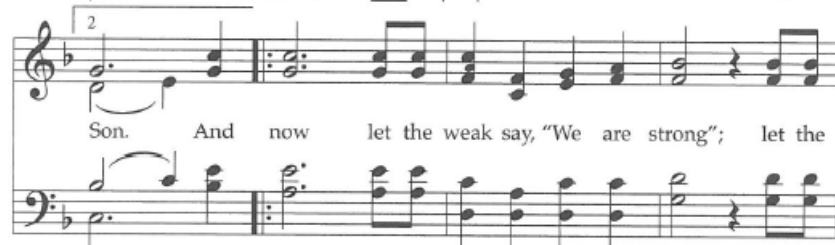
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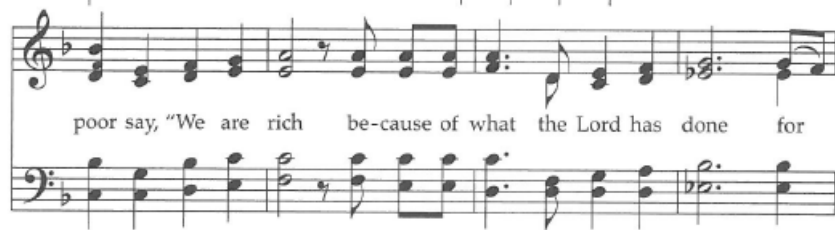
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart; give thanks to the Ho - ly One;



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



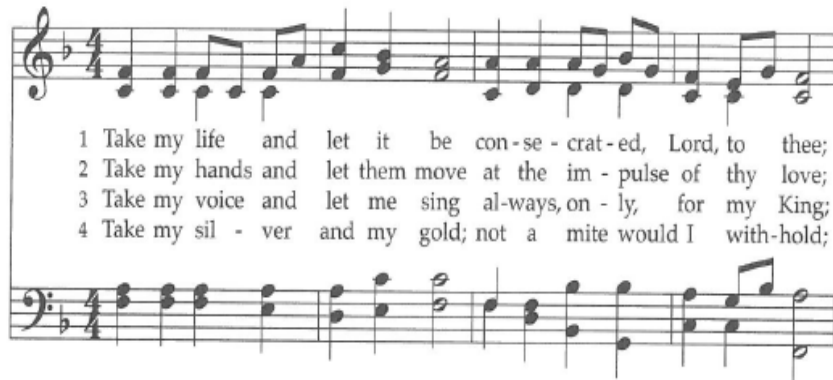
poor say, "We are rich be - cause of what the Lord has done for



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

Take My Life

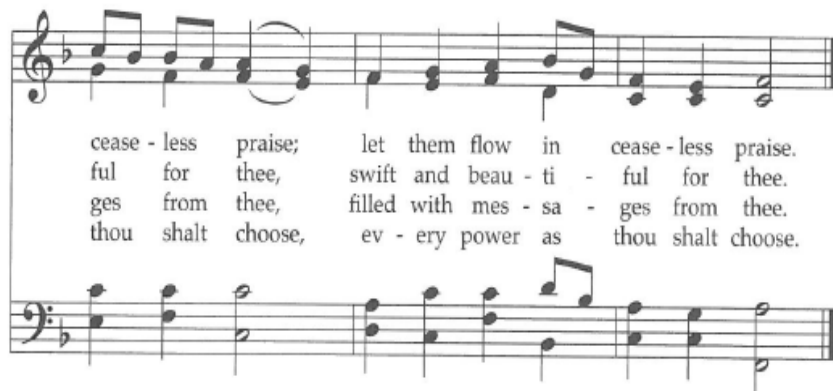
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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

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