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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) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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ONLINE WORSHIP

July 18th, 2021

10:00 A.M.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

**PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Natalie Sandor

***INTROIT God Welcomes All #399**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Family of faith, this must be the place. This is the place for connection and growth, for community and hope. This must be the place for questions like, "Where are you from?" and, "What do you need?" For whispers of: "I've been thinking of you," and, "I've been meaning to ask. . ." This must be the place, because all belong here.

All: All are welcome here. All hurt and joy, needs and prayers, dreams and love, are welcome here.

One: So for our call to worship today, we are going to lean into invitation for connection.

I want to invite you to take two minutes to introduce yourself to someone around you and to share one thing that has brought you deep joy this week so that we might begin our service with joy, gratitude, and connection.

Time to Connect

One: God is near. Let us worship our Holy God

***HYMN I Will Come to You #177**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Gracious God,
sometimes life feels like cooking with flour—
it looks like it should be easy, but we always make a mess.
This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships.**

**We so desperately long to say the right thing,
to be the right thing, to find the right solution,
that we overstep the line.**

Forgive us for assuming the place you fill.

**Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity,
could possibly fix all the hurt in this world.**

**Instead, give us the grace and the strength to stand by our loved ones in
their moments of need to witness their hurt without trying to fix it.**

You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.

Teach us how to ask, "What do you need?"

Teach us how to point to you.

Gratefully we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family of faith, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening, assumed without knowing, offered without asking, or rushed without waiting—you are forgiven. God knows your desire and your intent. God knows when we try and miss the mark, and God surrounds us in grace. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: Every day is a new day for love. We are claimed. We are forgiven. We are invited into relationship. Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may connect with others in a way that is comfortable with you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kathryn Craven

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

**Willem McClellan
Job 2:11-13**

SERMON "I've Been Meaning To Ask: What Do You Need?"

New Testament Reading

**Rev. Brett M Foote
2 Timothy 4:9-18**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

All: We believe in relationships.

We believe in asking hard questions,

and in showing up for one another,

and in sitting together through the pain.

We believe in listening with grace,

learning with curiosity,

and apologizing with sincerity.

We believe in asking for help,

saying what we need,

and trusting that no degree of vulnerability

could strip us of God's love.

We believe in trying our best

and offering grace

when our best is not enough.

And we believe that God is in all relationships—

modeling for us the value of community through the relationships of the Trinity.

So we love today,

and we strive to love even more tomorrow.

Let it be so. Amen.

***HYMN There is a Balm in Gilead #792**

OFFERING

Invitation to The Offering:

When we love someone in need, it is easy to give.

We show up with casseroles and prayer blankets.

We send cards and make phone calls.

We babysit the kids and drop off flowers.

We don't think twice about it, because when we love someone in need, it is easy to give.

In worship, when we give to the offering, what we are also declaring is that not just those we love are worthy of our gifts, but God is worthy of our gifts, and strangers whom we have never met are worthy of our gifts. In worship, when we give to the offering, we are declaring that all of creation deserves love and care, which is a radical notion in this hurting world. So today, as a way to practice being in relationship and drawing closer to one another, I invite you to give to the mission and ministry of this church. For when we love, it is always easy to give.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE**

For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.

Natalie Sandor
#717

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who asks us for what we need and provides it, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. May new life thrive in each heart and may we in our giving be a part of that. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

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

All: So gather us in and hold us close.

Be with us in our waiting and in our praying.

Be with us in our grief and our sorrow.

Be in our relationships, that we might be blessed with friends who support us and that we might be the friends who can bless others and show up when needed.

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. 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

A Covenant of Grace

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Natalie Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 2:11-13

Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground for seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 4:9-18

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you'd like to donate online to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

SUNDAY 7/18

10:00 AM Morning Worship
Coffee following service
4-5 PM Community Dinner

MONDAY 7/19

TUESDAY 7/20

6 PM Softball

WEDNESDAY 7/21

4-6 PM CSA Pickup
4-6 PM Art Pickup
5:30 PM Billings Park Potluck

THURSDAY 7/22

FRIDAY 7/23

SATURDAY 7/24

Birthdays This Week
7/18 Kaylee Johnson
7/19 Elsie Hicks
7/21 Nathaniel Fuller
7/22 Ashton Cairns
7/24 Mary Jo Card

LOOKING AHEAD

July 20	Softball
July 21	Billings Park Potluck
July 25	Adventure Group @ Park Point

ICU TREE

What was formerly the mitten tree is now the ICU tree! It is still set up in the main entrance, and we are asking for donations of **new socks, first aid bags, and flashlights** to be placed on the tree to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours to decorate the tree!

SOFTBALL

UPC lead 3-2 early on, but fell 24-3 at Lakeside Church. Jay, Jeff, and Spencer scored the runs for UPC. Tom Lisak and Brett Foote has nice running catches in the outfield. The UPC did great and played hard on an 86 degree night! Go Green!



CONTACTING US

If you need to contact Pastor Brett and he doesn't answer on his cell phone, please call the church to leave a message, as his voicemail sometimes malfunctions.

On that note, our phone is on the fritz due to a number of reasons, so if you're attempting to reach us and are struggling to get through, please call again later, or email us. The phone has also been randomly disconnecting, so if we hang up on you, know that we are sorry, and please try again!

COFFEE HOUR

Following the service on the first Sunday of every month, Fellowship and Outreach will be serving coffee outside. The second Sunday will be done by the Presbyterian Women. If any other groups or committees would like to take the other Sundays, they are welcome to do so.

DOORS TO THE NARTHEX

The Building and Grounds Committee would like your help to reduce the Church's utility bill by keeping the doors from the fellowship hall to the narthex closed. These two areas are heated and cooled by different air conditioning units. The thermostats are set at different temperatures. So if the doors separating these areas are left open, the units will run more than necessary.

CHURCH POTLUCK!

There are no meetings in the month of July. Instead of church business meetings, the Session felt it very important to gather together to reconnect and redevelop relationships within the church. To facilitate that, on Wednesday, July 21st (**note the date change**), we will be hosting a family potluck in Billings Park Pavilion #1 at 5:30 PM. Please bring a side dish, and be ready to connect with old friends, and get to know the new faces around United. Fellowship and Outreach will be providing brats. We hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEDING

We need some help weeding the landscaped area on the side facing 28th street. If you feel up to helping with that, make sure to bring gloves (they are prickly), and swing by anytime to help out! If you have any questions, you may contact Beth Lisak.

PDA BAGS

Good news! 50 PDA bags are ready to be filled. Due to a very generous donation last summer, we already have enough pencils. The first of the school supplies ad will be appearing soon.

PDA School Kit Supplies

- 1—Pair of blunt scissors (blunt tip)
- 3—70-count spiral notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf paper)
- 1—30 centimeter ruler (12 inches)
- 1—Hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1—Large eraser
- 1—Box of 24 crayons

Please donate only items on this list, as some of the bags may need to go through customs, and PDA has clearance for the bags filled this way.

Thank you!

ADVENTURE GROUP

Our next adventure group activity will be on Sunday July 25th right after worship. We will be doing a park point beach hike. Parking is available at the park point airport, which is near the very end. For those needing a ride, they can plan to leave from church parking lot.

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I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light. I
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain All

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
 name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I
 love you and you are mine." 4 "I

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;

Fine

there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul, you can

to Refrain

then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll not re - fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

A Covenant of Grace

O WALY WALY (8.8.8.8)

Traditional English melody
arranged by David Strickland

Lyrics by Anna Strickland

Andante (♩ = c. 86)

D7 Gmaj7 G6 Em7 Am7 D7 Gmaj7

We all come from the dus - ty earth And from the
We all have wounds that no one sees Op - press - ion,
We all need peo - ple who will be With us in
Sur - prised by God's un - bound - ed love From ma - ny

Gmaj7(#5) C#m7(b5) Am7 D7sus D7 G/C G

5
pla - ces of our birth An - ces - tral sto -
trau - ma, and dis - ease When we bear wit -
sol - i - dar - i - ty No ex - pla - na -
walks of life we come To build a cov -

Am7 D7 D♭7 Cmaj7 E♭7(b9) G Gmaj7 Cmaj7 G

10
- ries - who we'll be We bring it all to come and see
- ness - to the pain It can be - gin to heal a - gain
- tion - no de - fense Just min - is - try of their pres - ence
- e - nant of grace And in our dif - fer - enc - es em - brace