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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>



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) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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ONLINE WORSHIP

November 15th, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

PRELUDE **Alex Sandor**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT **In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful** **#654**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 63)

One: O God, you are our God.

All: Our soul's thirst and faint for you as if we were in a desert.

One: We behold your power and glory.

All: Your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

One: We will bless you as long as we live.

All: Like we've just finished a large meal, our souls are satisfied in you, O God.

HYMN **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** **#366**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of gifts, we confess that through shyness and other means we have buried our God given gifts. We confess that scarcity sometimes negatively effects our decision making. Forgive us for our hidden treasures. Forgive us for giving in to scarcity and that mentality. Help us God, to use the gifts you've given us. Help us to live in the abundance of your gifts. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family, we do not live perfectly, yet God promises to blot our transgressions and forget our sins. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those in the comments section with the words, **"The peace of Christ be with you."** (Say hello to one another!)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kathryn Craven

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Don Jensen

Old Testament Reading

Judges 4:1-7

SERMON **"Way More Than a Bottomline: Gifts And How You Use Them"**

Rev. Brett Foote

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:14-29

HYMN **God Whose Giving Knows No Ending** **#716**

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

RESPONSE

#607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Christ all people here below

Praise Holy Spirit evermore

Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who gives us beautiful gifts, 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. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know that they are loved by us and by God. 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)

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 Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing #546

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Judges 4:1-7

Deborah and Barak

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."' '

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:14-29

The Parable of the Talents

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 11/15

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
4-5:30 p.m. Community Dinner

MONDAY 11/16

TUESDAY 11/17

4:00 p.m. Worship Committee (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Fellowship & Outreach (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 11/18

12:00 Staff Meeting (Zoom)
4-6 p.m. CSA Pickup
4:30 p.m. Budget Meeting (Zoom)

THURSDAY 11/19

5:30 p.m. Session Meeting (Zoom)
1:00 p.m. UPBeat Deadline

FRIDAY 11/20

Christmas Basket Forms Due!

SATURDAY 11/21

Birthdays This Week

11/15 Angel Phillips
11/15 Erica Schulz
11/16 Olivia Pennington
11/17 Dean Hecht
11/17 Serena Lamers-McClellan
11/18 Debra Karvonen
11/20 Tim Schmitt

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	Community Dinner
November 20	Christmas Basket Forms Due!
December 6	Poinsettia Forms & Donations Due!

COMMUNITY DINNER

November 15th will be our next Community Dinner at UPC. This will be carry-out only from 4-5:30p.m. Please drive through and pick up your meal to go. New measures have been taken to insure that everything is safe, COVID friendly, and in compliance with the new Safer at Home recommendations. Menu is "Thanksgiving Hotdish and more!"

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

Items needed for the Inclusive Care Unit! We currently need: Scarves, adult hats, gloves or mittens, and blankets. Drop them off at the church Monday-Friday between 12 P.M. and 4 P.M.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

It's Christmas basket season! If you know a family that could use a Christmas basket, sign up forms have been sent out, and will also be available in the church office. These must be in by Friday, November 20th, and can either be mailed in or dropped off in person Monday-Friday, from 12-4 PM.

A change to the usual set up for the Christmas Baskets has been made!

We are asking that instead of donating any items this year, that people only make monetary donations, in an attempt to be as COVID friendly as possible. Dolores Larson and Diane Schmitt, along with another team, will be shopping online for the necessary items this year.

CYF BONFIRE

On Sunday, November 29th, CYF will be hosting a bonfire in the parking lot from 4:30 to 5:30! Wear your masks, and make sure to bring a flashlight!

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 vs. mailing the weekly offering to the church, you can do so at the following link:

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

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful; in the Lord I will re-
 joice! Look to God; do not be a-fraid. Lift up your
 voice; the Lord is near. Lift up your voice; the Lord is near.

The musical score is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second and third systems.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing; all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-

faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion;
 find the prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee: changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,

The musical score is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, with the first line being the main text and the others being alternative verses.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat



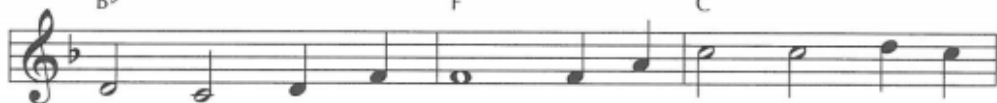
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
B \flat F C



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B \flat C F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B \flat F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

