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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
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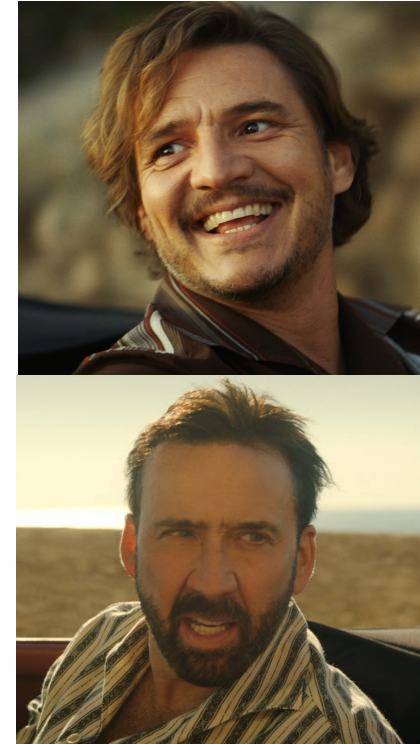
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Online Worship

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 6th, 2023

10:00 AM

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**

Make a Joyful Noise to God #54

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: Great journey maker and taker, we praise you for the people in our lives that showed us your son, Jesus. We thank you for Your son, Jesus who says, "Get up, do not be afraid." Forgive us when we portray a God of only fear and not love to others. Forgive us when we decide to not take others with us or share about a beautiful and generous God. Help us to bring others along in our journeys and help us to introduce others to a God that has perfect love. Amen.

***HYMN** Come to me, O Weary Traveler #183

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Today we share an ancient and holy meal. A meal that brings everyone together through sacrifice. It's not a meal we earn by being "good" but a meal full of lavish grace. That's good news, because we can't earn it, the table is just set for us and we dine. 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** He Came Down #137

SCRIPTURE READINGS Adalia Pauna
Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22-31

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Transfiguration" by Sufjan Stevens
Acacia Nikoi, Ross Thorn, Adalia Pauna, Dean Hecht

SERMON "A God That Shouldn't Scare Us Any Longer"
Rev. Brett M Foote
New Testament Reading Matthew 17:1-9

***APOSTLES CREED**

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** For the Life that You Have Given #717

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.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who takes us on a journey, we come before you in worship humbly asking for your blessing so that we may bless others. A blessing so that we may be loving neighbors. A blessing so that we might elevate the voices of those who have been hurt by the church and society. A blessing so that we might be good friends and companions on the journey. As we give of our time, talents, or treasures, may we represent your expansive 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, Oakland and the rest of the Northland may know your "love that goes into the far country." Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

COMMUNION HYMN

Come to the Table of Grace (vs 1-3) #507

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Praise to You, O God, for all of Your works.

You created the world and called it good
and made us in Your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from You,
You remained ever faithful.

You taught Your disciples to pray by saying...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you at home, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution. Here at the church we invite you to come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks.

All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. 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

***CLOSING HYMN**

Go to the World!

#295

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

THE LORD'S SUPPER is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 8/6

Mission Trip

10:00 AM Morning Worship

6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 8/7

10 AM—12 PM Piano Lessons

4 PM Fellowship and Outreach

5:30—8 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 8/8

10 AM Pickleball

4-7 PM Piano Lessons

6 PM Softball vs Central Assembly—Fd 1

WEDNESDAY 8/9

Pastor Out of Office—Vacation

10 AM Pickleball

10 AM Crafter's Group

2-6 PM CSA Pickup

6:15 PM Personnel Committee

THURSDAY 8/10

Pastor Out of Office—Vacation

6 PM Buildings and Grounds

7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 8/11

Pastor Out of Office—Vacation

SATURDAY 8/12

Pastor Out of Office—Vacation

Birthdays This Week

8/7 Kate Long

8/9 Jackie Pananen

8/11 Sandy LeMieux

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

LOOKING AHEAD

August 19

Corn Roast

August 26

Progressive Lunch

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!

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

August 19th - Tri Lake's Annual Corn & Pork Roast

From 4-6:30 PM. A nice meal to enjoy if you are free! At Tri Lakes Community Center, 7872 South County Road A.

August 26th - Progressive Lunch on Amnicon Lake

1:00 PM The Schlacks' House for appetizers
8121 S. Dowling Lake Rd E Superior, WI 54880
2:00 PM The Lisak's House for main meal
4519 E. Pleasant View Rd Superior, WI 54880

3:00 PM TeeGeeLee for dessert (AKA The Hecht's)
7932 S. Cty Road A Superior, WI 54880

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

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: hand sanitizer, toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, chapstick, lotion, floss, deodorant, etc.), and canned/sealed food items that are not expired. Please do not donate socks — we received a large donation and will be set for a while! Donations can be brought during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you!

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

Children's Church will resume on August 20. After the Passing the Peace portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith. Children's Church takes place in the Youth room, which is next to the Nursery.

PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

UPC lost 17-6 vs first place River 2 team. Zach caught a flyball, and Jay tossed a ball to Dawn a home plate for a force out in the game! We look forward to our next game on August 8th at 58th Street Field 1 vs Central Assembly!

GROWING THE ESSENTIA HOSPICE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We are looking for more amazing hospice volunteers for the following positions: Office support, companionship and caregiver respite, Solvay house volunteers, bereavement callers, skilled musicians, cribbage players, 11th hour support, seamsters and knitters. If you know of anyone who is interested in volunteering with Essentia Hospice, have them connect with us at hospiceduluthvs@essentiahealth.org or 218-786-4020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating UPC's 25th Anniversary the evening of October 7th, at Barker's Island Inn. Plan on enjoying dinner and dessert with your United Family. More info to come this fall!

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.

CASDA VISIT

Desiree Otterino, the Housing First Program Coordinator at CASDA is no longer able to join us this Sunday, August 6th, for our Adult Education opportunity following the church service. She will however plan to join us August 20th after the service. To any who expressed interest in volunteering during her visit on Sunday, July 9th, there are volunteer applications available in the narthex or in the office.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

As the back to school ads appear, please look for the following items for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance School bags.

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tips)
- 3—70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages
- 1—30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1—hand-held pencil sharpener
- ~~6—new pencils with erasers (unsharpened)~~
- 1—large eraser
- 1—box of 24 crayons

We have the bags ready to be filled. You will also see bags hanging around the sanctuary. If you would like to sponsor a bag instead of going shopping for these items, you may put money into the bags around the sanctuary during the offering or moment for mission.

Thank You!

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, August 4th, 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.

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01 Mission Trip 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 4 - 7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM National Night Out 6 PM Softball vs River 2 - Wicklund Fd	02 Mission Trip 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 12 PM Staff Meeting 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 4 PM Deacons Meeting 6 PM Book Club	03 Mission Trip 7 PM AA Meeting	04 Mission Trip	05 Mission Trip 9 AM Meet @ Church to Car-pool 10:30 AM Tubing 6 PM AA Speaker Meeting
06 Mission Trip 10 AM Worship 6 PM Boy Scouts	07 10 AM - 12 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Fellowship & Outreach 5:30 - 8PM Piano Lessons	08 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 4 - 7 PM Piano Lessons 6 PM Softball vs Central As-sembly - Fd 1	09 Pastor Out - Vacation 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 10 AM Crafters Group 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 6:15 PM Personnel Commit-tee	10 Pastor Out - Vacation 6 PM Buildings & Grounds 7 PM AA Meeting	11 Pastor Out - Vacation	12 Pastor Out - Vacation
13 Pastor Out - Vacation 10 AM Worship - Jocelyn Lanholz 6 PM Boy Scouts	14 Pastor Out - Vacation 10 AM - 12 PM Piano Lessons 5 PM Finance Committee 5:30 - 8PM Piano Lessons	15 Pastor Out - Vacation 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 4 - 7 PM Piano Lessons 4:30 PM Worship Committee	16 Pastor Out - Vacation 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 1 PM Caregiver Conversations 2-6 PM CSA Pickup	17 Pastor Out - Vacation 6:15 PM Session Meeting 7 PM AA Meeting	18	19 4-6:30 PM Corn & Pork Roast - Tri Lakes Community Center
20 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church CASDA - Adult Ed Following Service DCHS Fundraiser with Art by Cat Following Service 4 PM Community Dinner 6 PM Boy Scouts	21 10 AM - 12 PM Piano Lessons 5:30 - 8PM Piano Lessons	22 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 4 - 7 PM Piano Lessons	23 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 10 AM Crafters Group 12 PM Staff Meeting 1 PM UPBeat Deadline 2-6 PM CSA Pickup	24 7 PM AA Meeting	25	26 1 PM Progressive Lunch - Amnicon Lake
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Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)

1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven - ly home.

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler 183

1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.

come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
 do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."
 Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
 Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

He Came Down

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He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Leader: Why did he come?

Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light
 ... that we may have peace
 ... that we may have joy

Come to the Table of Grace

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1 Come to the table of grace. Come to the

table of grace. This is God's table; it's

not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace...

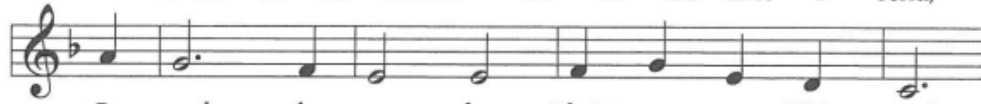
3 Come to the table of love...

Go to the World!

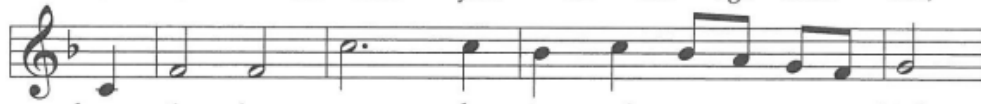
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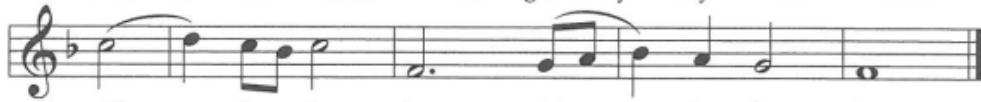
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.