

## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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### HELPFUL TO KNOW

If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship service live, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:

<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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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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**Online Worship**

***Seventh Sunday in Easter, Ascension Sunday,  
& Graduation Sunday***

**May 21st, 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**

Open the Eyes of My Heart #452

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God who changes the world and our worlds, you are good. We praise you for the miracles that take place each and every day in our lives and in the lives of others. We thank you for life and joy even in the midst of the brokenness that we encounter. We thank you for transition, for graduation, and new beginnings. Forgive us for not always bringing all things before you in prayer. Break our hearts for what breaks yours. Move us to prayer and then send us out to do your work in the world. In Jesus name, Amen.**

**\*HYMN** Go to the World #295

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: United, for many of us, including myself, there have been moments where others have told us that we don't pray enough. Perhaps, we've said that to ourselves. Perhaps, we think we aren't very good Christians. The truth is we could always pray and turn to God more. However, even when we don't, even when there's absolutely no energy to pray on our end and we fall asleep before a word is uttered, God still loves us and cares for us. God's love and our goodness are not determined by how much we pray. 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 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** Our God is an Awesome God (3x) #616

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Kathy Nelson  
Old Testament Reading Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

**SERMON** "United: A House of Prayer" Rev. Brett M Foote  
New Testament Reading Acts 1:6-14

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

**Small Group 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.**

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION** Laura Foote & Jan Letsos

**\*HYMN** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace #753

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Alex Sandor

**\*RESPONSE** Give Thanks #647

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"

Let the poor say, "We are rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us!" (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

**PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God who calls us to pray, may we be good stewards of these gifts, for they are yours. May we be loving neighbors. May all those who have been pushed aside or had their voices ignored find in us good friends and companions on the journey. As we give of our time, talents, or treasures, may we practice resurrection. Help us to be Christians, little Christs out in Superior. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, Brule and the rest of the Northland may know your resurrection love. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** Spirit Devine, Attend Our Prayers #407

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

## United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY 5/21

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Morning Worship  
Church Clean Up Following Service  
4 PM Community Dinner  
6 PM Volleyball  
6 PM Boy Scouts  
6:30 PM Mission Trip Meeting

### MONDAY 5/22

1 PM UPBeat Deadline  
4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons  
6 PM Gym Reserved

**Birthdays This Week**  
5/27 Deb Emery

### TUESDAY 5/23

3:45-7:30 PM Piano Lessons  
4 PM Pickleball  
6 PM Softball vs Hope Community—Field 2

### WEDNESDAY 5/24

Tiff Out of Office  
10 AM Pickleball  
12 PM Staff Meeting  
2-6 PM CSA Pickup  
3-4 PM Planning AHEAD Workshop  
4-5:30 PM Piano Lessons

### THURSDAY 5/25

6 PM Buildings & Grounds Meeting  
7 PM AA Meeting

### FRIDAY 5/26

### SATURDAY 5/27

#### LOOKING AHEAD

May 29 Office Closed—Memorial Day  
May 31 UPBeat Mailing

#### 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>

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

***Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35***

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm. A Song. Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds— his name is the Lord— be exultant before him.

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

*Selah*

the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

*Selah*

O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

***Acts 1:6-14***

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, May 19th, 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.

### 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

#### ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:

Planning AHEAD has been a huge success so far, and you can always join in on the fun. The 7-session workshop, taught by Chelsea Thompson, covers the topics of getting started, handling financial changes, advance medical and legal directives, estate planning, choices in end-of-life care, final wishes, and understanding grief. Join us on Wednesdays from 3-4 PM through May 24th as we continue to learn how to plan ahead for our futures. SPRING CLEAN UP AT UPC: **May 21st (this Sunday!)** following church service

Please join us as we freshen up the church for the upcoming season. ANOTHER ADVENTURE TO LOOK FOR: Please join us for our second adventure of the year! We will hike the Millennium Trail on **June 12th** at 4:00 PM and enjoy dinner at the Shack at 5:00 PM. Join us for pickleball every **Tuesday at 4:00 PM** and **Wednesday at 10:00 AM**

### INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are ready for donations for the spring and summer months! We are accepting: hand sanitizer, toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, chapstick, lotion, floss, deodorant, etc.), and canned/sealed food items that are not expired. Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you!

### GETTING TO KNOW UNITED

If you've been curious to get to know who we are and what we are about at United, Pastor Brett will be leading a group for this very purpose soon. Date is TBD. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The monthly gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be a lunch on Wednesday, June 7 at 12:30 at Ace's. All women are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Bonnie Wallin (715-392-7029) for reservations. PW does not meet in July and August.

### GARDENING NEED

A small electric or gas rototiller is needed for the UPC Community Garden. If you have one you would be willing to loan to the church for a week or two, please contact Eric Schlacks at [desertswan1@gmail.com](mailto:desertswan1@gmail.com), or at 218-269-6678.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PENTECOST OFFERING

Next Sunday, May 28th, is Pentecost. Please join us in wearing red in recognition of this. We will also be taking our Pentecost offering at this time.

### COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our free Community Dinner this Sunday, May 21st. 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 serving Cam's Fancy Orange Glaze Chicken, rice pilaf, vegetables, sherbet, and wafer cookies. 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.

### PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

UPC played hard but lost 20-5 vs Bayside. Nick, Jay, Ty, Lucy, and Dawson all scored runs for UPC! We're looking forward to our next game on May 23rd at 58th St Field 2 vs Hope Community!

### NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is staffed 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Stop by the Nursery and meet Iris, our Nursery Coordinator and her volunteer assistants. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will not meet for the month of May — we will resume on June 4. 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.

### SUMMER CAMP

Clearwater Forest offers summer camp opportunities for a variety of ages! The theme this year is: What's in a Name. If you would like more information please visit: <https://clearwaterforest.org/summer-camp/>. There is a camp scholarship available through our presbytery. Please connect with Laura after the service or send an email to [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### HOLY SMOKIN' BARBEQUE

Mark your calendars for our Holy Smokin' BBQ! This is a fundraiser for our youth mission trip this summer! The event will take place here at UPC on June 1st at 5 PM. Come enjoy live music by Ross Thorn, good food, and gather around a fire with a yummy s'more. There will be jackfruit available for anyone who would prefer that over pulled pork. This will be a fantastic way to start the summer! Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids. If you would like to volunteer your time or good cooking, sign up sheets are available at the back of the Narthex! If you have any questions, reach out to Laura after the service or send an email to [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com).



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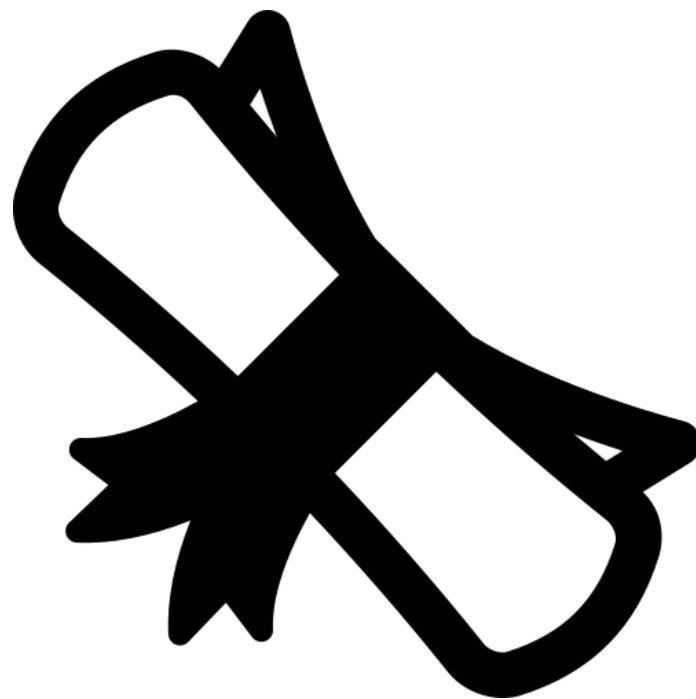
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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**CLASS OF 2023!**







## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

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young adulthood  
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provide opportunities  
for young people to  
grow and share in  
their faith in Christ.



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You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by the Pentecost Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA.



The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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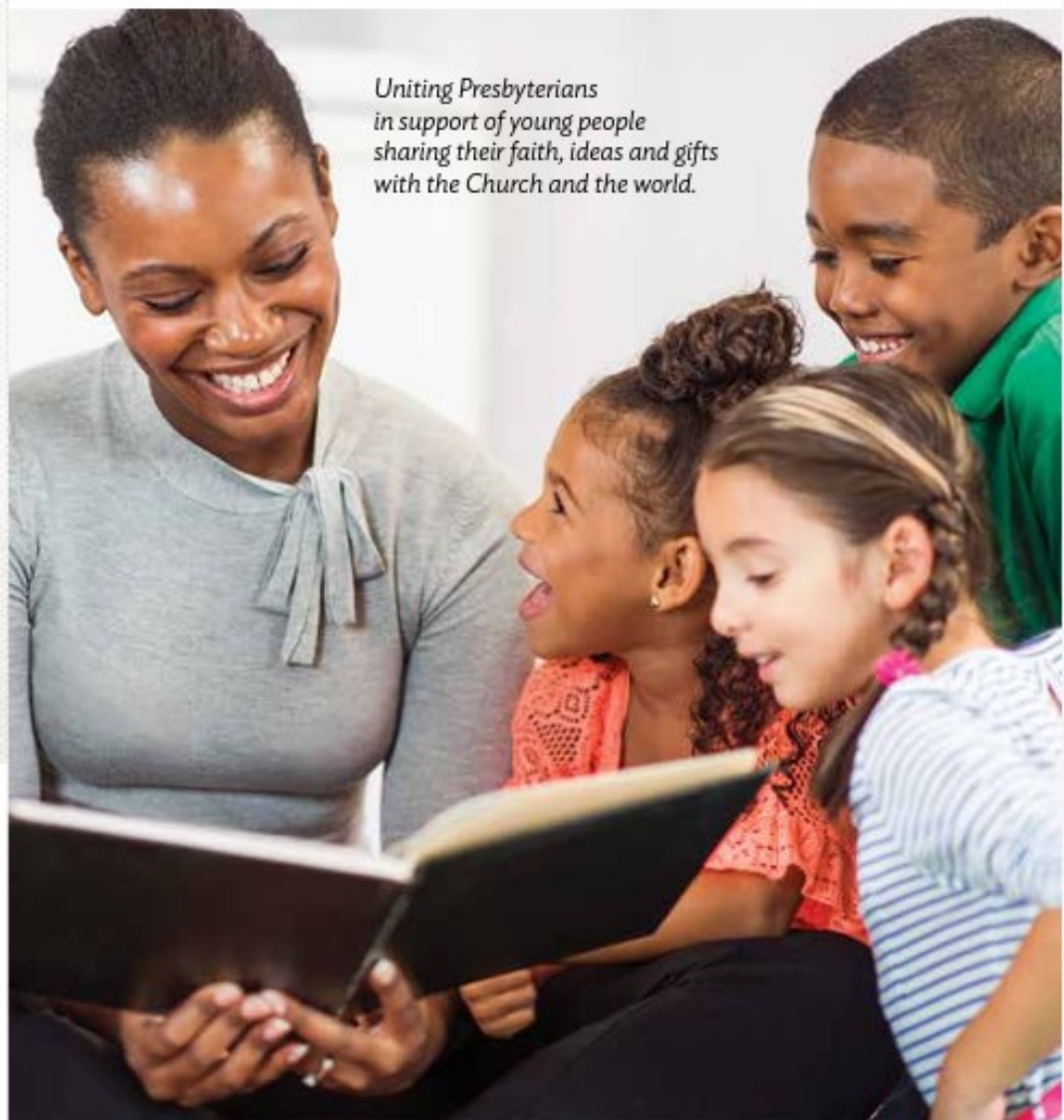


## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

# BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST.

— EPH. 4:12, CEB



*Uniting Presbyterians  
in support of young people  
sharing their faith, ideas and gifts  
with the Church and the world.*



**“The Pentecost Offering enables young people to be included in some beautiful formation adventures that allow them to shine as well as helps them lead us as a church.”**

Gina Yeager-Buckley

Associate for the Presbyterian Youth and Triennium Office



Rev. Allen Shelton was determined not to watch promising youth like Tariq fall through the cracks of an increasingly broken educational system. He wanted to ensure the future success of primarily urban, adolescent young people; so in 2010 he founded Good Success Academies. Since its founding, the once-local initiative — in partnership with Montclair State University and Rutgers University — now impacts youth in surrounding communities, readying them for college, work and the world.



The Young Adult Volunteer program is a faith-based year of service in sites across the U.S. and around the world that has been changing the lives of young people ages 19–30 for nearly three decades. The YAV experience emphasizes living in intentional Christian community, spiritual formation and vocational discernment. Peru site coordinator Jenny Valle says, “If we all had the opportunity to have experiences like the YAV program offers, I believe that we would all be more empathetic, more just and more supportive of one other.”



## WE ARE THERE

The Pentecost Offering helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood. With our gifts, we are there to help build these youngest members of the body of Christ into the people God would have them become.

**40%**

STAYS WITH OUR  
CONGREGATION  
to support local ministries  
with children, youth,  
and young adults.

**25%**

SUPPORTS YOUNG  
ADULT VOLUNTEERS  
(YAV), serving in communities  
around the world, and growing  
as leaders through transformative  
Christian service.

**25%**

SUPPORTS MINISTRIES  
WITH YOUTH  
especially the  
Presbyterian Youth  
Triennium.

**10%**

IS DEVOTED TO  
CHILDREN AT-RISK  
and supports to  
improve education and  
provide safe havens.

## WON'T YOU JOIN US?

**Please give generously...  
for if we all do a little,  
it adds up to a lot.**

# 452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you;

to see you high and lift - ed up,

shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

pow-er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

# 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.

# Our God Is an Awesome God 616

## Awesome God

Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove

with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!



# 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and  
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be



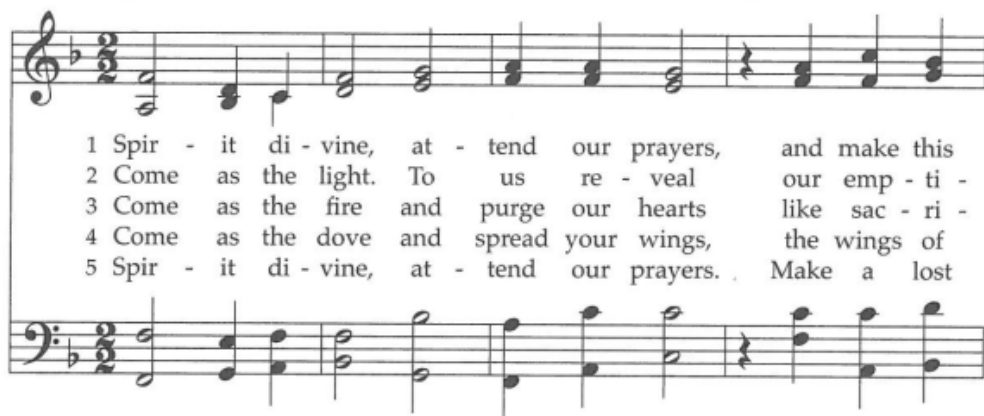
un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

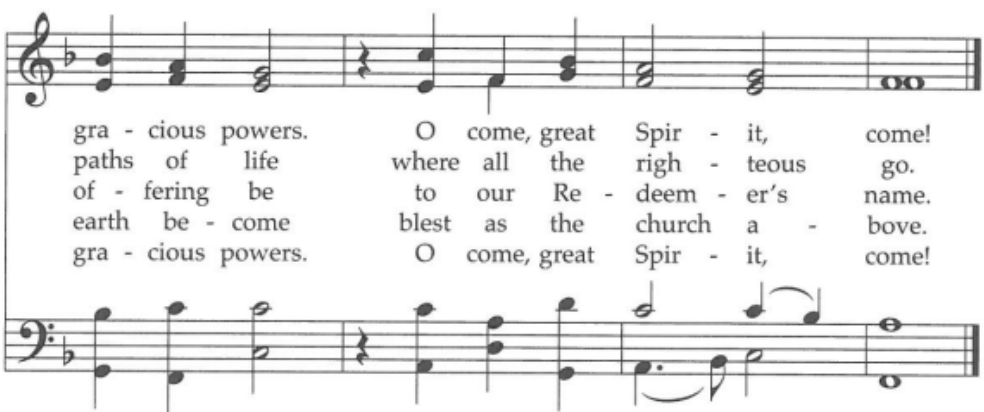
# Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers 407



1 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this  
 2 Come as the light. To us re - veal our emp - ti -  
 3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sac - ri -  
 4 Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of  
 5 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers. Make a lost



house your home. De - scend with all your  
 ness and woe. And lead us in those  
 fi - cial flame. Let our whole soul an  
 peace - ful love. And let the church on  
 world your home. De - scend with all your



gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!  
 paths of life where all the righ - teous go.  
 of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's name.  
 earth be - come blest as the church a - bove.  
 gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!