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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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Online Worship

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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10:00 AM

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**A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A)**

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 Jane Wester

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT**

Make a Joyful Noise to God #54

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of every perfect and good gift, thank you for how you've uniquely created us. Thank you for the gifts of our talents and passions. Thank you. Forgive us God when we forget that you created others uniquely with gifts and passions. Forgive us for thinking we can do this whole life thing on our own. Remind us that we are each but one part of the body. May we reflect your son, Christ. Amen.

***HYMN All Are Welcome #301**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Often we tear ourselves down for not being good at everything we do. Sometimes we tear others down for not being perfect. When we do either of these things we don't recognize the gifts of others or ourselves in the ways we could. The good news is that these gifts are grace. Everyone has a gift whether or not we recognize it actively. 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.)

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

***RESPONSE He Came Down #137**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Kathy Nelson
Old Testament Reading Exodus 1:8-10,15-2:10

SERMON "Grace: You are Gifted" Rev. Brett M Foote
New Testament Reading Romans 12:1-8

***HYMN God, Whose Giving Knows no Ending #716**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Jane Wester

***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 of every good and perfect gift, we come before you in worship asking for your blessing. A blessing so that we may be loving neighbors and fellow pilgrims. A blessing so that we might elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized. 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, Knife River and the rest of the Northland may know your "love that goes into the far country." 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

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.

***CLOSING HYMN You Shall Go Out With Joy #80**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Jane Wester

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 1:8-10,15-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, ‘Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.’

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ‘When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.’ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, ‘Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?’ The midwives said to Pharaoh, ‘Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.’ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, ‘Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.’

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 8/27

- 10:00 AM Morning Worship
- 10:15 AM Children’s Church
- 11 AM Mission Committee
- 12 PM Staff & Elders—Meet New Members
- 6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 8/28

TUESDAY 8/29

- 10 AM Pickleball

WEDNESDAY 8/30

- 10 AM Pickleball
- 12 PM Staff Meeting
- 1 PM UPBeat Packing
- 2-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 8/31

- UPBeat Mailing
- 7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 9/1

SATURDAY 9/2

- 6 PM AA Speaker Meeting

Birthdays This Week

- 8/28 Eric Rude
- 8/29 Anna Downs
- 8/29 Audrey Krube
- 8/30 Abram Pauna
- 8/30 Tyler Willoughby

LOOKING AHEAD

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| September 4 | Office Closed—Labor Day |
| September 24 | Back to School Blessing |
| September 26 | Harvest Home Dinner |

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>

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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!

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are fully stocked! Thank you to all who have donated! If you have items you are wanting to donate, please consider another organization. There is a box for Ruth House and a box for Salvation Army on the back table in the narthex.

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

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.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

During the service on September 24 we will be having a special blessing for all of our students, teachers, and leaders that are beginning a new school year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Thank you to all who joined us for the progressive lunch! Join us for pickleball every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday at 10:00 AM**.

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.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating UPC's 25th Anniversary the evening of October 7th, at Barker's Island Inn. Social time will begin at 5 PM, followed by a buffet dinner at 6 PM, Love Creamery Ice Cream for dessert at 6:45 PM, and a program to begin at 7 PM. Tickets will begin to be sold in September—they will be \$20 for adults, and \$10 for children 10 & under.

CASDA VISIT

Desiree Otterino, the Housing First Program Coordinator at CASDA will be joining us September 10th for our Adult Education opportunity following the church 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

Thank you so much for all your donations! 47 bags have been shipped off to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Warehouse in Little Rock, Arkansas!

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for all who purchased art from the art fundraiser last week! Cat raised \$176.25 for the Douglas County Humane Society.

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, August 25th, 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.

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 heav - en - ly home.

301 Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F (C7)

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

He Came Down

137

He came down that we may have love; he

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

Leader: Why did he come?

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

Additional stanzas:

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

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B^b

1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of
 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races
 grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to

(G) B^b (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily
 spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B^b (A) C (D) F

to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall
 labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents,
 sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching,

(Bm) Dm (G) B^b (D) F

rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
 make us servants fit to answer at your throne.
 and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the mountains and the hills will break forth be-

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.