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10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Jane Wester

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

***INTROIT** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**O enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.** (#385, stanzas 1 and 3)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from *Psalms 98*

One: O sing to God a new song, for God has done
marvelous things!

**All: God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the
victory!**

One: God has made this triumph known;

**All: God has revealed power in the sight of all the
nations!**

One: God remembers loving and caring faithfully for our
ancestors.

All: Make a joyful noise and break into song!

***HYMN** *Our God, our Help in Ages Past* #687

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God creates us and equips us to do God's work in the
world. All too often, we are focused on our own
needs and fail to see the ways God works through us
for good. Let us acknowledge our blindness and seek
God's guidance.

**All: Holy God, You place us in communities and call us
to be your presence in the world. You equip us to
answer your call. Yet often we are blind to the
abilities, talents, and skills with which you bless us.
We do not see the ways in which these gifts can be
instruments for doing good. Increase our
confidence in your presence with us and your
power working through us. In Jesus' name, we
pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In our baptisms, we have put on Christ Jesus. His
victory over sin, death and the power of evil becomes
ours. We are forgiven of our sins.

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE *I've Got Peace Like a River*

**I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.**

(#623)

Prayer cards may be given to usher to be brought forward.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

From the Old Testament

Dolores Larson
*1 Samuel 17:19-24, 26,
28-29, 31-37*

From the New Testament Letters

*1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10****SPECIAL MUSIC**

Jackie Ranco

SERMON*Five Stones and a Slingshot*

Rev. Charlotte Frantz

HYMNGod, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #716**OFFERING****MOMENT FOR MISSION****OFFERTORY*****HYMN OF DEDICATION**

**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.**

(#717)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray together.

**All: Let these gifts, O God, be used for the work of
your church. Bless our mission and our
ministries, that in some small way we might
become signs of your love and compassion in
the world. Amen.**

TIME FOR PRAYER**PRAYERS TO BE SHARED****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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER***CLOSING HYMN** *O God in Whom All Life Begins* #308***BENEDICTION**

One: As you leave this place, may the living Lord Jesus go with you.

All: May the Lord Jesus go behind you to encourage you,**Beside you to befriend you****Above you to watch over you****Beneath you to lift you from your sorrow,****Within you to give you the gifts of peace, hope and joy,**

One: And always, may the living Lord Jesus go before you to show you the way.

***POSTLUDE**

Jane Wester

SCRIPTURE READING

*1 Samuel 17:19-24, 26,
28-29, 31-37*

Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left someone in charge of the sheep, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

All the Israelites, when they saw the man, fled from him and were very much afraid. David said to the men who stood by him, 'What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?'

His eldest brother Eliab heard him talking to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David. He said, 'Why have you come down? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart; for you have come down just to see the battle.' David said, 'What have I done now? It was only a question.'

When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul; and he sent for him. David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the

flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said, 'The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the LORD be with you!'

GOSPEL READING

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING THIS WEEK

Finance Committee Sunday, July 15 at 11:00 a.m.

UPC 20th Anniversary Committee

Monday, July 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Children, Youth & Adult Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, July 18 at 5:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY DINNER

This afternoon UPC will be hosting a Community Dinner. This dinner is free and open to the public. All are welcome to share in this time of food and fellowship.

SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS

Crafts, games, snacks, and lots of fun are planned during our Summer Fun for Kids day on Wednesday, July 18, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Ages 5 and up can attend. Call or email Christy to register at 218-528-8234 or christywillmore@gmail.com. All are welcome!

SOFTBALL

On Tuesday, July 10th, UPC played against The River and won the game 30 – 10! Jay and Tom H. pitched for UPC. Good defense in the field was the key. Glad to have Jake and Audrey play for UPC. Also, Jake doubled for UPC that scored 2 runs in the game. Go Green!

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 7/15

10:00 a.m. Worship Happy Birthday – Joshua Johnson

11:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting Tyler Kiel

4:00 p.m. Community Dinner Jan Lutzos

MONDAY 7/16

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

4:30 p.m. UPC 20th Anniversary Committee

TUESDAY 7/17

WEDNESDAY 7/18

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class Happy Birthday – Kaylee Johnson

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Summer Fun For Kids

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up

5:30 a.m. Children, Youth & Adult Ministry Meeting

THURSDAY 7/19

5:30 p.m. Session Meeting Happy Birthday – Elsie Hicks


FRIDAY 7/20

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

SATURDAY 7/21

Happy Birthday – Nathaniel Fuller

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be asked for and collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Letsos at 715-394-6009
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR	Reverend Charlotte Frantz
DEACONS OF THE MONTH	Kathy Nelson & Susan Litehiser