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GATHERING SUNDAY

September 9, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

***INTROIT**

We Are the Church United

We are the church united coming together to

Pray for God's blessings upon us

We are the church united joining our voices in

Praise and thanksgiving to God.

(The choir will sing this refrain once and then repeat it with the congregation also singing. Music can be found in inside back cover of the hymnal.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come from cabin and classroom,

All: Come from school and work,

One: Come from lab and studio,

All: Come from leisure activities and volunteer service,

One: Come, let us join together in song and prayer,

All: In speaking and listening,

One: Come, for we are God's people.

***HYMN**

Here in this Place

#401

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God loves each and every one of us and gathers us here to be God's people. As we are loved, we should also love one another. Let us come to God, acknowledging our short comings and seeking reconciliation.

All: Merciful God, we are grateful for your great love extended to each of us. We know that too often we fail to love as you love us; we are sometimes impatient, thoughtless, and less than compassionate. Forgive us when we do what we should not do. Forgive us when we leave undone that which we should have done. In the name of Jesus, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God indeed loves each and every one of us and forgives us all our sin. Where we have knowingly or unknowingly inflicted pain or done harm, God is able to work reconciliation. May we be ready to forgive and eager to accept forgiveness, from God and from each other.

All: One of the greatest gifts God offers is the gift of reconciliation, between each of us and God and between each of us as well. Thanks be to God!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are invited to share the blessing of Christ's peace with those near you by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

***HYMN**

I Come with Joy

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.**

**The spirit of the risen Christ, unseen but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
Alive among us here.**

(#515, stanzas 1 and 4)

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

BACKPACK BLESSING Jennifer Willoughby
*Children are invited to come forward and bring their backpacks
with them; adults are also welcome to bring bags or backpacks
they use for their daily work or volunteer service.*

READINGS FROM THE PSALMS *Psalm 146*
Willem McClellan

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

All: I will sing praises to my God my life long.

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom
there is no help.

**All: When their breath departs, they return to the
earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

One: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,

**All: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their
God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all
that is in them;**

One: The Lord keeps faith forever.

**All: The Lord executes justice for the oppressed and
gives food to the hungry.**

One: The Lord sets the prisoner free and opens the eyes of
the blind.

All: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down

One: The Lord loves the righteous.

**All: The Lord watches over strangers and upholds
orphans and widows,**

One: But the way of the wicked the Lord brings to ruin.

**All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for
all generations.**

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: (Sung) Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and
to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Letters

James 2: 1-4, 14-17

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:24-37

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amen, Sing Praises to the Lord

arr. Hal Hopson

SERMON *Indiscriminate Love* Rev. Charlotte Frantz

***HYMN** *Will You Come and Follow Me* #726

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION PDA School Bags Jan Letsos

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray together.

**All: We give you thanks, O God, for teachers and
students, for classrooms and tutors,
playgrounds and lunchrooms, for
knowledge shared and skills developed. Be
with all those who support educational
endeavors. May the school bags assembled
here bring smiles, laughter and hope to
those who use them. 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 For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #610

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Please stay for our Gathering Sunday picnic meal served in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a little extra time for conversation and fun on this Sunday.

Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in back of the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.

NEW TESTAMENT LETTER

James 2:1-4, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the

crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SUNDAY

We welcome everyone on this Gathering Sunday. Following the service today there will be a picnic luncheon served. Games and fun are planned. We hope you will join us!

MEETING THIS WEEK

Mission Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Bible Study

Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 9:00 a.m.
& 6:30 p.m.

Children Youth & Adult Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

20th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 13 at 3:45 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study for 2018-2019 is entitled "God's Promise: I Am With You." The nine lessons will journey through Genesis to the Gospels. The Bible study will take place on the second Wednesday of each month with classes offered at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Classes begin on Sept. 12, 2018 and will continue through May, 2019.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Aloha! Everyone is cordially invited to this year's Progressive Dinner. Our Hawaiian-themed event will be held on Saturday, September 15, starting at 1:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex if you plan on attending. A schedule of the day's activities are listed in the UPBeat Newsletter.

UPCOMING PIANO CONCERT

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, Alexander Sandor will be performing a Piano Concert here at UPC. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering is always appreciated. See concert posters for more information.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SIGN UP SHEET

A sign-up sheet will be located in the narthex today to register for the 20th Anniversary Dinner to be held at UWS on October 6. Someone will be available to take payment for the event.

HARVEST HOME ROAST BEEF DINNER

The Harvest Home Roast Beef Dinner tickets are now being handed out and mailed. Monies received for presold tickets will be due no later than Sunday, September 23. Speak to Jan Letsos for more information.

MEMORIES

Do you have a 20th anniversary memory to share? A story from the annals of our congregation's history? A reflection about what UPC has meant to you? David Waite would love to hear from you! He's compiling memories and reflections to be shared during UPC's anniversary celebration October 6th and 7th. Please submit your comments in writing to him no later than September 9th, and sooner is even better! Give your submission to him in person, mail them, drop them in the church office with his name attached, or email to waitedavid@aol.com. Maximum length, 300 words.

PRESENTATION OFFERED

The Diocese of Superior invites you to a presentation on human trafficking, Monday, September 17, 6:30-8:30, at St. Francis Xavier. Human trafficking is a growing concern across the state of Wisconsin. This presentation is by Sr. Celine Goessl of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

SUNDAY 9/9 Gathering Sunday

0:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 Picnic Lunch

Happy Birthday-Trevor Dahl

MONDAY 9/10

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

TUESDAY 9/11

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class Happy Birthday-Willem McClellan

4:00 p.m. Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 9/12

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 – 12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Association Workshop

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up

4:30 p.m. Children Youth and Adult Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

THURSDAY 9/13

3:45 p.m. 20th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Happy Birthday-Darrrel Granquist

FRIDAY 9/14

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

Happy Birthday-Roy Forslund

SATURDAY 9/15

1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Progressive Dinner

7:30 p.m. Piano Concert – Alexander Sandor

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

Wayne Phelps &
Mary Kay Coone