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NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before worship for children newborn–4 years old. After the Passing of the Peace, children ages 5 through 5th grade may meet at the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the worship service. Additionally, the Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Dorothy Burriss 817-715-0968 (macb.dlb@sbcglobal.net) or Dean Hecht at 715-919-1325.

RIDE SHARE

Need a ride? Please check the bulletin board by the fire extinguisher in the narthex.

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Owe no one
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EXCEPT TO LOVE
ONE another.

Romans 13:8, NRSV

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Online Worship

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time &
Our Back To School Blessing**

September 13th, 2026

10:00 AM

If you're 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32

***OPENING WORDS / CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: People of God, bless the Lord,

All: bless God's holy name.

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

All: so great is God's steadfast love for us.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING Jenna Slagter & Great Lakes Elementary Staff

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: As loving parents have compassion for their children, God has compassion for us. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sins.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me #582

SCRIPTURE READINGS Donna Okash

Old Testament 2 Samuel 7:12-17

New Testament Romans 13:1-7

Sermon "Serving the Common Good?" Rev. Rich Blood

***HYMN** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #203

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION Jackie Pananen—"Potatoes"

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

One: Let us give as God has so abundantly given to us.

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** Give Thanks #647

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / DEDICATION

One: Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of our Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

***CLOSING HYMN** Go, My Children, with My Blessing #547

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

WAYS TO SERVE

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United!

**Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.*

- Coffee Hour*—Make coffee and bring treats for everyone.
- Liturgist*—Being a liturgist is a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings and our call to worship.
- Crafters Group—Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the crafting room inside the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office to learn more.
- Community Dinner—Our next community dinner will be Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 PM. To learn more, contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! Contact Jenna at jenna.slagter@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church—Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith! Children's Church takes place during the Sunday service. Contact Jenna at jenna.slagter@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk—Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly, or monthly basis. Training will be provided! Questions? Contact Mac Burriss 304-890-2375.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC. All are welcome!
- Sand Volleyball—Come watch every Wednesday night at Aces in Superior. See the bulletin or church calendar for game times. Contact the office or Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003 with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January, February, and July) at 9:30 AM. December and June meetings are lunches at 12:30 PM. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029
- Roast Beef Dinner—Wednesday, September 30th at 4:00 PM. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. Also, tickets will be sold in the narthex the Sundays of September 13th, 20th, & 27th. They will not be sent out due to high postage. Contact the office with any questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/13

8:45 AM SF Committee
Coffee Hour—After Worship

TUESDAY 9/15

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Building & Grounds

THURSDAY 9/17

10:00 AM Pickleball

SATURDAY 9/19

1:00 PM Progressive Dinner

MONDAY 9/14

2:00 PM Piano Lessons
4:00 PM Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY 9/16

10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:15 PM Session Meeting
5:50 PM Volleyball @ Aces

FRIDAY 9/18

4:30 PM Scout's Fish Fry

Birthdays This Week

9/13—Darrel Granquist
9/16—Marcy Lee Price
9/16—Trent Sikorski
9/17—Mac Burriss
9/19—Alicia Willoughby

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>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

2 Samuel 7:12-17

7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. **15** But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. **16** Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever." **17** In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 13:1-7

13:1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. **2** Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. **3** For rulers are not a terror to good conduct but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval, **4** for it is God's agent for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the agent of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. **5** Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. **6** For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's agents, busy with this very thing. **7** Pay to all what is due them: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC VOLLEYBALL

The Beets' advanced in the playoffs and will play this Wednesday at 5:50 PM. Thank you to our captain, Kate Long, and to everyone on the team—there were some fantastic plays all around.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Our All Saints' Day worship will take place on Sunday, November 1st. We would love to remember and honor any person who has been meaningful to you who has passed. If a member has passed away in the past year, they are already added. Please fill out the forms available at the back of the narthex and turn them in to the office or the offering plate. Deadline for names to be sent to the office is Monday, October 26th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC JOB OPENINGS

UPC is hiring 2 Nursery Coordinators and 1 Children's Church Ministry Leader to support our youngest members.

- Nursery Coordinator — \$16.32/hour
- Children's Church Ministry Leader — \$18.00/hour

If you're interested, please send your resume to Ephraim Nikoi at ephraimnikoi@gmail.com and Jonathan Asp at aspjonathan@gmail.com

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Join us this Saturday, September 19th for a Progressive Dinner at Amnicon Lake starting at 1:00 PM. There will be swimming, tubing, volleyball, and plenty of other excitement. See the flyer hanging in the narthex for more details. Also, there is a sign-up sheet if you plan to attend. Contact Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003, or the office with any questions.

FALL SMALL GROUPS

Fall Small Group Sign-ups are officially available! Thank you to those willing to host and lead this season of learning together. We will be studying "Appreciate These Things" by Jill J. Duffield, an 8-week reflection of Philippians 4:8. Please fill out a sign-up form and return to Jenna with \$12 by September 20. Groups will start meeting the week of September 27 or the week of October 4. If none of the meeting times work for you, please put a note on your sign-up sheet and we'll see about creating a 4th group hosted at church. Groups are as followed:

- Tuesday 1-2:30pm; Led by TBD and hosted by Dean & Cathy Hecht
- Wednesday 6:30-8pm; Led by Eric & Deb Schlacks and hosted by Cliff & Jackie Pananen
- Thursday 6:30-8pm; Led by Ephraim & Acacia Nikoi and hosted by Becky Kirk

PRESBYTERY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Presbytery is seeking individuals willing to serve on the Presbytery Nominating Committee. If anyone at UPC wants to volunteer or would like more information, please contact the office.

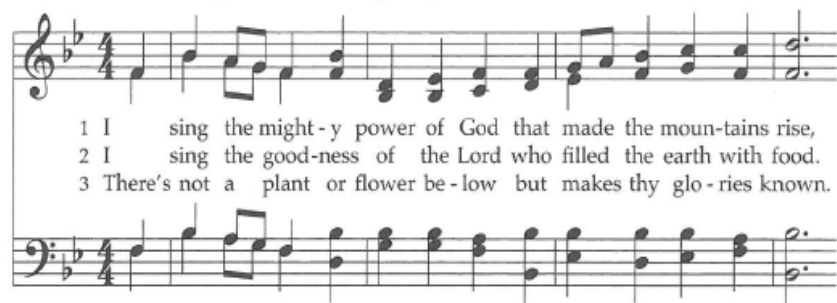
COMMUNITY GARDEN HARVEST CELEBRATION COMING!

The UPC Community Garden is going strong this year. It looks like we'll have a great harvest. So please join us on Sunday, September 20, after church as we celebrate the harvest with a garden-themed coffee hour!

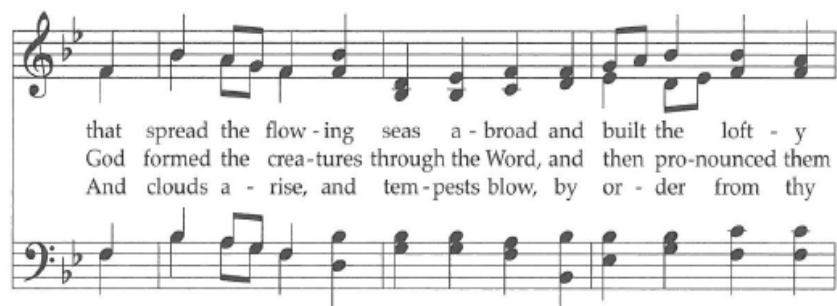
GREETING CARDS

Susan Litehiser is seeking donations of greeting cards. They can be dropped off in the office. Thank you!

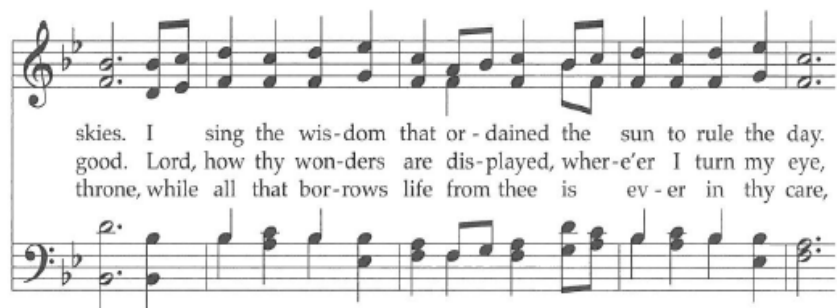
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



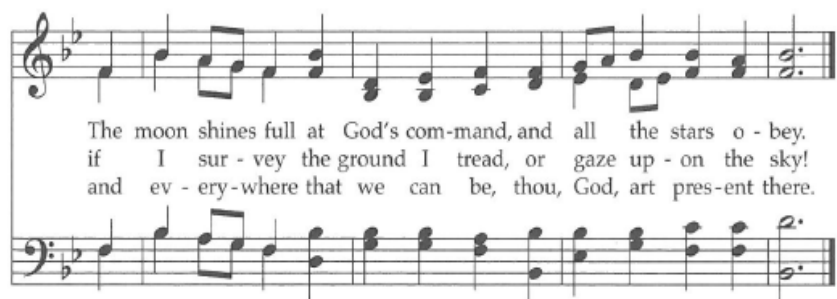
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me,
 2 World with-out end, with-out end. A-men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par-doned me,
 World with-out end, with-out end. A-men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir-it, whose love has set me free.
 World with-out end, with-out end. A-men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain Capo 3: (D) F (A7) C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) F F/A Gm7 C7 F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A) F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D) F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
feet; this is the way we should live like you.

647 Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

1

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

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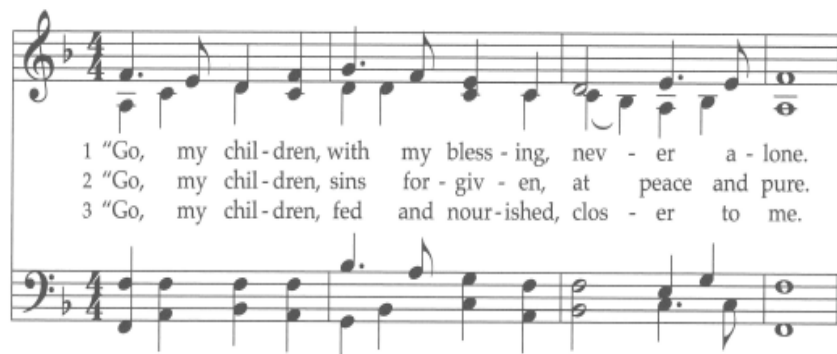
Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

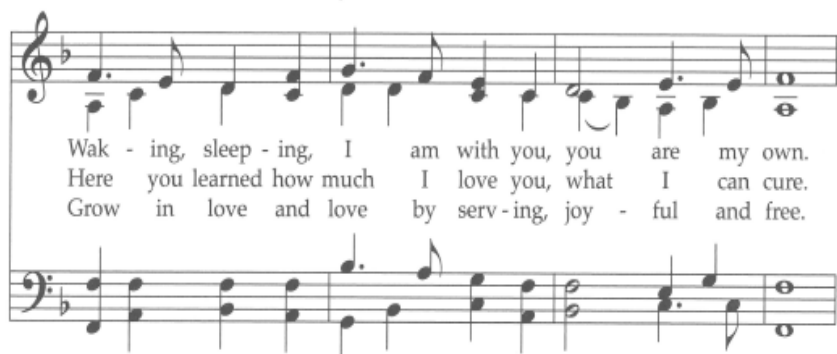
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us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

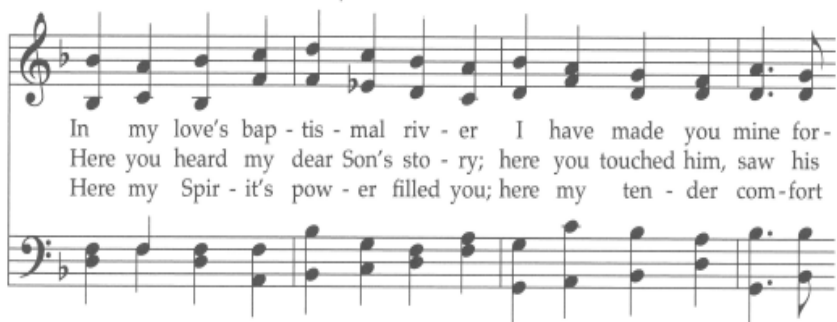
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



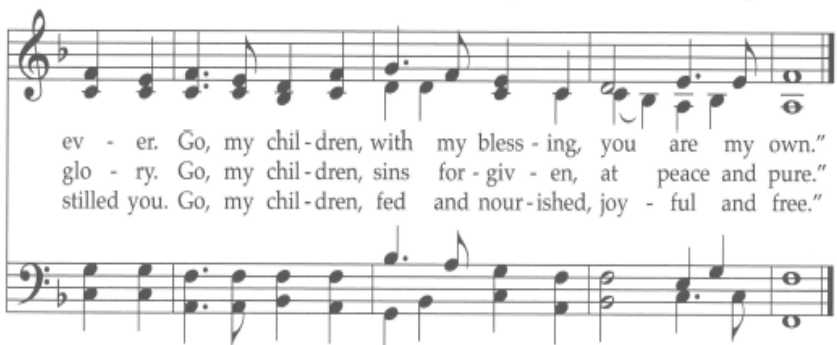
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."



What? Celebration Sundae!
 When? October 25 – after church
 Where? UPC Fellowship Hall
 Why? Stewardship Pledge Card Day

Please RSVP – Return the slip below

Names _____

Number of folks attending _____

Join us as we celebrate the stewardship of all God has provided.