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If you'd like to join virtually, please connect with the following link:
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>
(If you are here in person we offer hearing assistance devices-see technology desk.)

NURSERY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Passing the Peace portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to meet by 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. Share a request in the comments section. 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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Online Worship

The Third Sunday In Lent

March 8th, 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

***INTROIT Human Minds Just Can't Imagine See Insert
(To the tune of "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken")**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: If you need good news, settle into this space.

All: We have good news to share.

One: If you need a word of hope, then trust us when we say,

All: there is hope enough to go around.

One: If you need a glimmer of joy,

All: we have resilient joy abounding.

One: If you need to feel God's presence

All: then know that this is God's house.

One: This is the good news of the gospel. God is here. Love is real. Hope and joy persist.

All: Let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God,

All: with You the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that.

We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS AND REASSURANCE

One: Family of faith, no matter how many mistakes the disciples made, Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved. The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news: today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God. We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone.

All: What good, good news. 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 Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand (vs 1) #832**

CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Sermon Impossible Possibilities

New Testament

***HYMN Break Thou the Bread of Life**

#460

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #606**

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Generous God who makes the impossible, possible, Thank you for your invitation to give from what we have. Yet, we often hesitate, believing that what each of us has to give on our own, doesn't amount to much, Our gifts, in the light of all you have given to us and in the face of so much need, feel inadequate. Yet when given together in this family of faith, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. May our gifts bring love, light and hope to our neighbors in Superior, the South Shore region, our country, and the world. Amen.

TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Here's our suggested version, but feel free to pray the version you are most familiar with.)

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

***CLOSING HYMN God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me #543**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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—Volunteer for our next dinner in June. To learn more, contact the office or Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! Contact Laura at laura.foote@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 Laura at laura.foote@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!
- Volleyball—Every Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC.
- Men's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Family Restaurant. April 4 is the next breakfast. Questions? Contact Tom Lisak at 218-348-5390.
- Women's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Waffles. April 4 is the next breakfast. Contact Dorothy Burriss at 817-715-0968 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.
- Lenten Small Group—Every Sunday at 8:45a in the Youth Room through March 29. If you have any questions, contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 17:1-7

17:1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. **2** The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" **3** But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" **4** So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." **5** The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. **6** I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. **7** He called the place Mas-sah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 6:30-44

6:30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. **31** He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. **32** And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. **33** Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. **34** As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. **35** When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; **36** send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." **37** But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" **38** And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." **39** Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. **40** So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. **41** Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. **42** And all ate and were filled, **43** and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. **44** Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCOUT'S FISH FRY

Join us for our Scout's Fish Fry this Friday at 4:30 PM! The fish fries continue every Friday in March and the first Friday in April at 4:30 PM also.

UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

The UPC Community Garden Committee is looking for folks to adopt containers in which to raise vegetables during the 2026 garden season. This community garden consists of raised beds and pots on church grounds, as well as a raised bed at Great Lakes Elementary School. The veggies we grow will be used in UPC Community Dinners and in school lunches. Please consider joining us in helping to address food insecurity in our community! Everything needed to grow the crops will be supplied (seeds, dirt, fertilizer, tools, etc.), and beginners will receive guidance. Look for the sign-up table in the narthex beginning Sunday, March 22. Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com or at 218-348-6032.

THREE THANK YOUS

- Thanks to Tim Anderson for helping install 285 new LED tubes in our church.
- Thanks to Mike Petite for installing another three-way light switch in the conference room of our church.
- Thanks to Jeff Olson ,who during our last blizzard took his four wheeler with a plow and did the real heavy snow at the three entrances to our church.

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>

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 3/8

*Pastor Out of Office
8:45 AM Chancel Choir
8:45 AM Lenten Small Group
8:45 AM SF Committee
6:00 PM Volleyball

TUESDAY 3/10

*Pastor Out of Office
10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir
5:15 Worship Committee
7:00 PM Gym Rental

THURSDAY 3/12

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

SATURDAY 3/14

MONDAY 3/9

*Pastor Out of Office
2:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY 3/11

10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Walking Group
4:00 PM Piano Lessons
6:15 PM Personnel Committee

FRIDAY 3/13

4:30 PM Scout's Fish Fry

Birthdays This Week

3/9—Keaton Perkins
3/9—JoAnn Rush
3/9—Owen Schulz
3/11—Emma Buckley
3/12—Grace Johnson
3/12—Jim Willmore
3/14—Alex Ely
3/14—Sherri Rude

*Pastor out of office for vacation and continuing education.

1
Hu - man minds just can't i - ma - gine all that God can bring to bear
God, ex - pand our dreams and vi - sion when we think our gifts too small
Like the grains of wheat are ga - thered from the vast and roll - ing fields

Musical notation for the first system, measures 1-4. The system includes a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hu - man minds just can't i - ma - gine all that God can bring to bear God, ex - pand our dreams and vi - sion when we think our gifts too small Like the grains of wheat are ga - thered from the vast and roll - ing fields".

5
Through our small and sep - arate be - ings, e - ven when we join to share
Help us trust your great pro - vis - ion and to an - swer when you call
Like the grapes from vi - ny bran - ches whose small fruit the wine will yield

Musical notation for the second system, measures 5-8. The system includes a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Through our small and sep - arate be - ings, e - ven when we join to share Help us trust your great pro - vis - ion and to an - swer when you call Like the grapes from vi - ny bran - ches whose small fruit the wine will yield".

9
Still we fol - low where Christ leads us, ma - ny pie - ces of one whole
You who gave us time and ta - lents will up - hold and see us through
We re - mem - ber as one bo - dy, each of us a cru - cial part

Musical notation for the third system, measures 9-12. The system includes a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Still we fol - low where Christ leads us, ma - ny pie - ces of one whole You who gave us time and ta - lents will up - hold and see us through We re - mem - ber as one bo - dy, each of us a cru - cial part".

13
That we might al - low our dream - ing to trans - form our bro - ken world
As we join to - geth - er in the work you've gi - ven us to do
In the glo - bal church pro - fess - ing; we be - long to God's own heart

Musical notation for the fourth system, measures 13-16. The system includes a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "That we might al - low our dream - ing to trans - form our bro - ken world As we join to - geth - er in the work you've gi - ven us to do In the glo - bal church pro - fess - ing; we be - long to God's own heart".

832 Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

Kwake Yesu Nasimama

Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the sol - id rock of my
Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -

life. He's the sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock
ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni

Fine
of my life. 1 There's no oth - er place I can hide
sa - la - ma. 2 It is not the work of my hands
3 When my days on this earth are done,

till the storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God
that has washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all
and I stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have

to Refrain
from the flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
of my days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
an - y fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Or "God"

God, Be the Love to
Search and Keep Me
O Christ, Surround Me

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-ning,
4 Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that
move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me:
es-en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tles, an-gels wit-ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:
light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.