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### HELPFUL TO KNOW

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 Second Sunday In Lent**

**March 1st, 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** God Welcomes All (3x) #399

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Tell me something good!

**All: God loves you more than you could imagine.**

One: Tell me something good!

**All: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.**

One: Tell me something good!

**All: God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.**

One: This is good news indeed!

**All: Let us worship our compassionate God.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Merciful God, God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.

**All: That work is easier said than done, We become distracted, we lose our way We admit, we have a long way to go.**

One: Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.

**All: With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's Beloved, even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God's back on us. So join me in this declaration of good news:

**All: We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again. Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

**\*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** I Come with Joy #515

**CHANCEL CHOIR** (directed by Cheri Tesarek this month)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Leviella Borg

Old Testament Genesis 18:1-8

**Sermon** Big, Big Love

Jocelyn Langholz

**New Testament**

Luke 7:36-50

**COMMISSIONING TO ACCRA, GHANA AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOR SERVICE & LEARNING**

One: The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

**All: Faithful God, in baptism You claimed us; and by Your Holy Spirit You are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank You for leading Molly, Acacia, Bob, Lois, Heather M, Ephraim, Alton, Heather, and Shelly to this time and place. Establish them in Your truth, and guide them by Your Holy Spirit, that in Your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *A Sanctified Art*)  
(in unison)

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, So I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION** Jan Letsos

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Alex Sandor

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

One: Welcoming Host, we have been guests at your table; we have been nourished in body and spirit, we have received from your bounteous supply of love and grace.

**All: Now be with us as we seek to generously share what we have received. Guide us and encourage us to share your big, big love, with courage, creativity and joy. Amen.**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN** Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken #498

**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.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you at home, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution.*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **\*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE**

#### **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>

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

**Genesis 18:1-8**

**18:1** The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. **2** He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. **3** He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. **4** Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. **5** Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." **6** And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." **7** Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. **8** Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

### **NEW TESTAMENT**

**Luke 7:36-50**

**7:36** One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. **37** And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. **38** She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. **39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." **40** Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." **41** "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" **43** Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." **44** Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. **45** You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. **46** You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. **47** Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." **48** Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **49** But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" **50** But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. March 7 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. March 7 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](mailto:laura.foote@upc-superior.com).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY 3/1

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

### TUESDAY 3/3

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

### THURSDAY 3/5

\*Pastor Out of Office  
10:00 AM Pickleball  
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

### SATURDAY 3/7

\*Pastor Out of Office  
9:00 AM Men's Breakfast  
9:00 AM Women's Breakfast

### MONDAY 3/2

\*Pastor Out of Office  
2:30 PM Piano Lessons  
3:30 PM Fellowship & Outreach  
5:15 PM Basketball Practice

### WEDNESDAY 3/4

\*Pastor Out of Office  
9:30 AM PW Meeting  
10:00 AM Crafters Group  
12:00 PM Walking Group  
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up  
4:00 PM Piano Lessons  
4:30 PM Deacons Meeting  
5:15 PM Basketball Practice  
6:00 PM Book Club

### FRIDAY 3/6

\*Pastor Out of Office  
4:30 PM Scout's Fish Fry

### Birthdays This Week

3/1—Byron Card  
3/1—Skylar Rogge  
3/1—Peter Schulz  
3/2—Ian Schoenike  
3/3—David Waite  
3/4—Zachary Hecht  
3/6—Robert Mertz  
3/7—Don Jensen  
3/7—Jackie VanErt

\*Pastor out of office for vacation and continuing education.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The monthly gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 9:30 at the church. Hostesses will be Judy Evenstad and Bonnie Wallin. All women are cordially invited to attend.

### SCOUT'S FISH FRY

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

# God Welcomes All 399

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

# I Come with Joy 515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)  
F B<sup>b</sup> C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)  
Csus Cm B<sup>b</sup> Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)  
Gm F/A B<sup>b</sup> C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken 498



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am  
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that



food for - ev - er - more.  
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
 with you; do not fear!" tell your love and care.



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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

## 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.