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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

Confirmation Sunday

April 27th, 2025

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** Owen Schulz, Confirmand
- *CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** Let Us Build a House #301
- *PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION** Ashton Cairns, Confirmand
One: God who calls us equally...
All: Your call transcends age, place, ability level, education and time!
One: Thank you for coming to us and not leaving us wanting.
All: Forgive us God, for sometimes we judge people unfairly.
One: We look down on youth for not understanding how the world works...
All: And at times we judge the elderly for not conforming to a changing world.
One: Thank you Holy God for the diversity of the church and how you've made and called us. Thank you for the sacraments that help us to follow you and continue your work in the world.
All: Holy Spirit blow like the wind off the lake through our lives. Transform. Transform our hearts and minds. In Christ's name, Amen.
- *HYMN** For Everyone Born (vs 1,2,3,5) #769
- *ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Ashton Cairns, Confirmand
One: At times, we all make mistakes.
All: At times, we get things wrong.
One: That's ok because God forgives us.
All: God forgives us not because we earned it, but because God loves us.
One: Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...
All: We are all forgiven! Amen.
- *PASSING THE PEACE** Ashton Cairns, Confirmand
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)
- *RESPONSE** Jesus Loves Me! #188
- SERMON** Why Sacraments Are Important
Josiah Brady-Kopnick, Confirmand
- New Testament** Matthew 3: 5-17
1 Corinthians 11: 17-34

CONFIRMATION OF: JOSIAH BRADY-KOPNICK, ASHTON CAIRNS, CLAIRE MATTHIAS, JOEY SCHULZ, OWEN SCHULZ, & AIDEN YINGLING

THE SUPER EPIC STATEMENT OF FAITH FROM YOUR CONFIRMATION CREW BY AIDEN, ASTHON, JOEY, JOSIAH, & OWEN

We believe God forgives our sins.
We believe God has a plan that may not be revealed yet.
We believe God listens to us.
We believe God gives us grace.
We believe there will be justice for those taken advantage of.

We believe in the Trinity: God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.
We believe that Jesus will come again.
We believe that the Holy Spirit will never stop helping us.
We believe that God will never stop protecting us.

We believe in the practice of the sacraments: baptism and communion.
We believe in the power of the Word of God.

We believe God leads us in the way of love.
We believe God never gives up on us.
We believe that God is creative and there are many ways to connect with God.

What is your favorite thing in life? That is God.

FAITH STATEMENT BY CLAIRE

I believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
I trust that He has a plan for me and will lead me throughout life.
I believe that He created the universe and will continue to rule it forever.
I believe that He loves everyone and will forgive us of our sins, as long as we turn to and trust in Him.

BAPTISM OF JOSIAH BRADY-KOPNICK

HONORING OF MENTORS

***CHANCEL CHOIR** Come and Tear Down the Walls
Aiden Yingling, Confirmand

MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING Joey Schulz & Claire Matthias, Confirmands

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** For the Life That You Have Given #717

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God whom we come to know in and through the sacraments, we give you thanks. Thank you for bringing us into your presence and sealing us with your Holy Spirit. May we, as disciples of your son Jesus, always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures. May we model your expansive justice and love to those in need. Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. Move in us to share God's "Yes" to us in Jesus with every person we meet! Amen.

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.

***CLOSING HYMN We Are Marching in the Light of God #853**

***BENEDICTION Josiah Brady-Kopnick, Confirmand**

***POSTLUDE**

SCRIPTURE READING

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 11: 17-34

Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you! For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body eat and drink judgment against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIB DINNER

Our annual Rib Dinner is this Wednesday, April 30, starting at 4:00 PM. There is still time to volunteer! Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

COMMUNITY GARDEN KICK-OFF COMING MAY 18!

The 2025 UPC Community Garden Kick-Off will be held on Sunday, May 18, after church. We'll have a salad potluck for the entire congregation, followed by a talk by a gardening expert for our gardeners and anyone else interested. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to bring a salad or dessert to the potluck. It will be fun!

SCRIPTURE READING

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 3: 5-17

Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 4/27

8:45 Chancel Choir
Coffee Hour
12:00 PM Hike Osaugie Trail
6:00 PM Volleyball

TUESDAY 4/29

1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir

THURSDAY 5/1

10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

SATURDAY 5/3

8:00 AM Presbytery of Northern Waters

MONDAY 4/28

3:30 PM Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY 4/30

10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:00 PM Rib Dinner

FRIDAY 5/2

4:30 PM Presbytery of Northern Waters

Birthdays This Week

4/28—Anthony Simensen
4/30—Erick Vosburgh

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>

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.
- Community Dinner—Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August.
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp—Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee. Questions? Contact Eric Schlacks 218-269-6678.
- Community Garden*—Help plan and carry out the UPC Community Garden project, which provides vegetables for UPC Community Dinners and Great Lakes Elementary students.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! You will serve with a Nursery Coordinator once or twice a month (your choice). *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church—Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith during Children's Church! This takes place during the Sunday service. You can volunteer once or twice a month (your choice). *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk—Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly or monthly basis. Training will be provided!

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball—Every Sunday at 6:00 PM.
- Men's Breakfast—First Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM. Contact Tom Lisak (218-348-5390) with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women—Meetings are 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.
- Cooking with Pastor Brett*—We'll be making pot stickers May 13th at 4:00 PM. We are limited to twelve people so sign up early!
- Hike Osaugie Trail—Join us on a hike today at 12:00 PM. Meet right at the start of the trail. Questions? Contact Debbie Bergstrom at 218-269-4679.
- Munch Bunch—May 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Log cabin located in Superior! There will be live music and pizza to order.

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

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188

Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

769

For Everyone Born

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
for young and for old, the right to be - long,
for just and un - just, a new way to live,
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

301 Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bringing an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F (C7)



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

717 For the Life That You Have Given



For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in



Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these



gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;



heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to



love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

