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<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (YouTube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

### PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling  
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Online Worship

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 3rd, 2023

10:00 AM

If you are 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** Jane Wester

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT**

Sing a New Song Unto the Lord #276

**PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God who shows us how to love in and through Jesus, thank you for a love that sets tables. Thank you for a love that calls us out of the tree to meet and which sacrifices. Forgive us God when we don't show the love of Christ. Remind us of the ocean that is your grace. May we fall into that ocean. Help us to be healers and helpers. Let us not be people who stoke fear and division. Help us to love others as you have loved us. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** Spirit, Open My Heart #692

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Sometimes when times are tough or the resources are scarce, our first instinct isn't to set the table for others, or heck even for anyone besides ourselves. Despite our selfishness at times, God is constantly setting the table for us and showering us with mercy and grace. Remember today, because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

**All: We are all forgiven. 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** Our God is an Awesome God (3x) #616

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Sue Olson  
Old Testament Reading Exodus 3:1-15

**SERMON** Genuine Love: When The Church Really "Gets It"  
Rev. Brett M Foote  
New Testament Reading Romans 12:9-21

**\*APOSTLES CREED**

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Jane Wester

**\*RESPONSE** We Give Thee But Thine Own (vs. 1) #708  
We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

**PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God who loves us so well, we come before you in worship asking for your blessing. A blessing so that we may be loving neighbors and fellow pilgrims. A blessing so that we might elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized. As we give of our time, talents, or treasures, may we represent your expansive love. Help us to let others know they are beloved. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, Cloquet and the rest of the Northland may know your "love that goes into the far country." Amen.**

Invitation to Holy Communion

**COMMUNION HYMN** I Come With Joy #515

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Praise to You, O God, for all of Your works.

You created the world and called it good  
and made us in Your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,  
and even when we turned from You,  
You remained ever faithful.

You taught Your disciples to pray by saying...

## **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.**

## **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. Here at the church we invite you to come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

One: Let us give thanks.

**All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. Amen.**

**Prayers to be Shared** Please email or call the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**We Are One in the Spirit**

**#300**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Jane Wester**

**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.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Exodus 3:1-15***

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

**United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**

**SUNDAY 9/3**

**10:00 AM Morning Worship  
10:15 AM Children's Church  
6 PM Boy Scouts**

**MONDAY 9/4**

**Office Closed—Labor Day**

**TUESDAY 9/5**

**10 AM Pickleball  
4 PM Fellowship & Outreach  
4:30 PM Worship Committee**

**WEDNESDAY 9/6**

**9:30 AM Presbyterian Women  
10 AM Pickleball  
12 PM Staff Meeting  
2-6 PM CSA Pickup  
2:30 PM Deacon Meeting  
6 PM Book Club**

**THURSDAY 9/7**

**7 PM AA Meeting**

**FRIDAY 9/8**

**SATURDAY 9/9**

**Birthdays This Week**

9/3 Laura Schlacks  
9/4 Jade Palmer  
9/6 Erick Anderson  
9/6 Diane Schmitt  
9/9 Trevor Dahl

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**September 18-20 Rev. Josh Heikkala Visit  
September 24 Back to School Blessing  
September 26 Harvest Home Dinner**

**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>

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LITURGIST & COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP**

There are two sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex, one to sign up to host our coffee hours following the service, and one where you can sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship services. These are both great opportunities to get involved with the church!

### **INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT**

We are fully stocked! Thank you to all who have donated! If you have items you are wanting to donate, please consider another organization. There is a box for Ruth House and a box for Salvation Army on the back table in the narthex.

### **NURSERY AVAILABILITY**

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

After the Passing the Peace portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith. Children's Church takes place in the Youth room, which is next to the Nursery.

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING**

During the service on September 24 we will be having a special blessing for all of our students, teachers, and leaders that are beginning a new school year!

## ***Romans 12:9-21***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS**

Join us for pickleball every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday at 10:00 AM**.

### **SUPERIOR REBUILD FORMS**

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with a large scale or small scale project, such as home repairs or upgrades, Superior Rebuild would like to help! There are forms available at the back of the narthex that can be filled out with details about the work that needs to be done. Once they are filled out, feel free to put them into the offering plate, mailbox, or in the office. You may also scan and email the form to the office if that is convenient for you.

### **25TH ANNIVERSARY**

Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating UPC's 25th Anniversary the evening of October 7th, at Barker's Island Inn. Social time will begin at 5 PM, followed by a buffet dinner at 6 PM, Love Creamery Ice Cream for dessert at 6:45 PM, and a program to begin at 7 PM. Tickets will begin to be sold in September—they will be \$20 for adults, and \$10 for children 10 & under.

### **CASDA VISIT**

Desiree Otterino, the Housing First Program Coordinator at CASDA will be joining us next Sunday, September 10th, for our Adult Education opportunity following the church service. To any who expressed interest in volunteering during her visit on Sunday, July 9th, there are volunteer applications available in the narthex or in the office.

### **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Thank you so much for all your donations! 47 bags have been shipped off to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Warehouse in Little Rock, Arkansas!

### **REV. JOSH HEIKKALA VISIT**

Rev. Joshua Heikkala, the PC(USA) mission co-worker for West Africa based out of Ghana, will be with us from September 18-20. During that time he will be visiting with our mission committee, where we will discuss ways to further partner with him. Then, on September 20, we will be hosting a presentation by Rev. Heikkala, followed by dinner down by the lake at Cliff & Jackie Pananen's.

### **CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES**

As of Friday, September 1st, Douglas County is at a Low COVID-19 Community Level. At this level, the Session-approved guidelines recommend that our community members stay up to date on vaccinations, mask in spaces with older folks and other potentially immunocompromised individuals, and stay home when sick.

# September 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

27	28	29	30	31	01	02 6 PM AA Speaker Meeting
03 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 6 PM Boy Scouts	04 OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day	05 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 4 PM Fellowship & Outreach	06 9:30 AM PW Meeting 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 12 PM Staff Meeting 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 2:30 PM Deacons Meeting 6 PM Book Club	07 7 PM AA Meeting	08	09
10 8:45 AM Spiritual Formation 8:45 AM Chancel Choir 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 6 PM Boy Scouts	11 8 AM Beet Pickling 5 PM Finance Committee	12 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 4:30 PM Worship Committee 6 PM Bell Choir	13 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 10 AM Crafters Group 12 PM Staff Meeting 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 6:15 PM Personnel Committee	14 6 PM Buildings & Grounds 7 PM AA Meeting	15	16
17 Mission Sunday 8:45 AM Chancel Choir 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 4 PM Community Dinner 6 PM Boy Scouts	18 Rev. Josh Heikkala In Town	19 Rev. Josh Heikkala In Town 10 AM - 12 PM 6 PM Bell Choir	20 Rev. Josh Heikkala In Town 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 12 PM Staff Meeting 1 PM Caregiver Conversations 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 4:45 PM Rev. Heikkala Presentation and Q&A followed by dinner on the lake	21 1 PM UPBeat Deadline 6:15 PM Session Meeting 7 PM AA Meeting	22	23
24 Back to School Blessing Receipt of New Members 8:45 AM Chancel Choir 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 11 AM Mission Committee 6 PM Boy Scouts	25	26 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 4 - 6:30 PM Harvest Home Dinner 6 PM Bell Choir	27 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 10 AM Crafters Group 12 PM Staff Meeting 2-6 PM CSA Pickup	28 1 PM UPBeat Packing 7 PM AA Meeting	29 UPBeat Mailing	30

# Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

*Refrain*

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be  
 sung from moun - tain's high. Sing a new song  
 un - to the Lord, sing - ing hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -  
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior  
 3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry

fore the Lord. And play for God on  
 now has come. He has turned your  
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.  
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

# 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain* Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
 liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

# Our God Is an Awesome God 616

## Awesome God

C G D Em

Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove

C G Am Em B7 Em

with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

# 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.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*



# We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



(C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.