

### 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. 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.

**Choirmaster & Handbell Director**

**Church Secretary**

**Custodian**

**Director of Spiritual Formation**

**Financial Secretary**

**Interim Treasurer**

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**Online Worship**

**Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**February 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**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending #716**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God who blesses us in our service to others...

**All: We give thanks for every way You show up in our lives.**

One: We don't always see You at work, especially when we are inconvenienced or having to give of ourselves.

**All: Forgive us, God who knows. Forgive the times where we aren't humble, don't show mercy, and are satisfied not speaking up for our neighbors. Forgive us for not having a hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

One: Create in us clean hearts, O God.

**All: Renew a right spirit within us in Jesus' name.**

One: Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, in Genesis chapter 50, Joseph, of the famed technicolor dreamcoat, has been betrayed by his brothers. He says to his brothers, "You planned something bad for me, but God produced something good from it, in order to save the lives of many people, just as he is doing today." Just as we sometimes intentionally or even unintentionally do bad, God uses even our mistakes for good.

**All: Really?**

One: Really!

**All: God is good, even when things are going sideways.**

One: That is good news like the good news we know because of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection...

**All: That 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 For the Life That You Have Given #717**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Old Testament**

**Sermon We Are the Church: Hunger & Thirst**

**Donna Okash**

**Micah 6:1-8**

**Rev. Brett M. Foote**

**New Testament**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

**\*HYMN We Are One in the Spirit #300**

**COMMISSIONING OF DISASTER RELIEF WORKERS**

One: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**All: The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*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**

**Alex Sandor**

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

**\*PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God who calls us to be and live as the church, thank You for creating and celebrating each of us. Thank You for calling us beloved. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from, with care. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. We give You thanks for all of these gifts and what they mean for the kingdom of God. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for this congregation, Superior community, and world. May we each be able to share the good news that Christ is at work in our communities! Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

**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: For You, Creator God, the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation

**All: We give You thanks and praise.**

One: For You, God of all, especially today, the church in its myriad forms and countless languages honors its Savior. Millions upon millions invite us to be one with them in the drama of worship.

**All: We give You thanks and praise.**

One: In heaven, beyond our seeing, the saints and angels are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of the great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven.

**All: We give You thanks and praise.**

One: So gladly we join our voices to those of earth, lake, and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity.

**\*COMMUNION HYMN All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly #509**

**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.*

## **PRAYER FOR AFTER WE'VE BEEN FED**

One: O Friend, O Brother Jesus, we have been guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share.

**All: Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN You Shall Go Out with Joy**

**#80**

**\*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

**Micah 6:1-8**

**6:1** Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. **2** Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. **3** "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! **4** For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. **5** O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." **6** "With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? **7** Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" **8** He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

### **NEW TESTAMENT**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

**5:1** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** And he began to speak and taught them, saying: **3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. **8** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **10** "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### **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.

### 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 Community Dinner February 15. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the narthex. 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. February 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. February 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.
- *The Chosen* Small Group—Gather at the Hecht home on Mondays at 10a beginning January 19th through March 9th to watch season two of *The Chosen*. This is a historical drama about the life of Jesus.

### WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Lenten Small Group—Pick up our devotional book for Lent this year and join us in the Youth Room on Sundays at 8:45a beginning on February 22nd. If you have any questions, contact Laura at [laura.foote@upc-superior.com](mailto:laura.foote@upc-superior.com).
- Munch Bunch—Our next Munch Bunch is February 5, at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us at Shamrock Pizza in Superior. Contact Debbie at 218-269-4679 with any questions.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SOUP & BREAD POTLUCK

Our soup & bread potluck is Sunday, February 15, right after the service. Be on the look out for sign-up sheets in the narthex if you would like to bring soup or bread!

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us after worship today for a congregational meeting to correct the Elder nominations.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY 2/1

8:45 AM Chancel Choir  
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting  
6:00 PM Volleyball

#### TUESDAY 2/3

10:00 AM Pickleball  
1:00 PM AA Meeting  
5:00 PM Bell Choir  
6:00 PM Get To Know United

#### THURSDAY 2/5

10:00 AM Pickleball  
3:30 PM Piano Lessons  
5:00 PM Kickstarters Soccer  
5:30 PM Munch Bunch

#### FRIDAY 2/6

#### SATURDAY 2/7

9:00 AM Women's Breakfast  
9:00 AM Men's Breakfast

#### MONDAY 2/2

10:00 AM *The Chosen* Small Group  
2:30 PM Piano Lessons  
3:30 PM Fellowship & Outreach

#### WEDNESDAY 2/4

10:00 AM Crafters Group  
12:00 PM Walking Group  
12:00 PM Staff Meeting  
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up  
4:00 PM Piano Lessons  
4:30 PM Deacons Meeting  
5:30 PM VBS Planning Meeting  
6:00 PM Book Club

#### Birthdays This Week

2/2—Kara Peterson  
2/6—Tom Vosburgh  
2/7—Linda Wigchers

# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

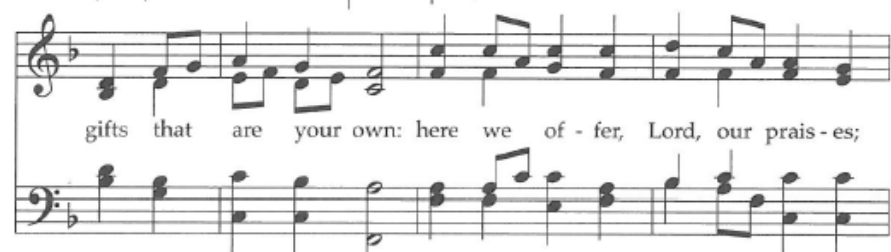
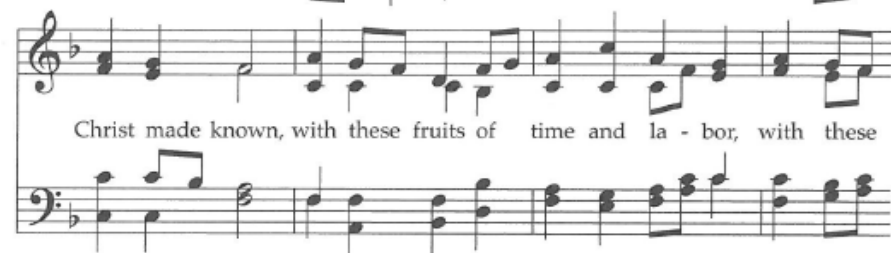
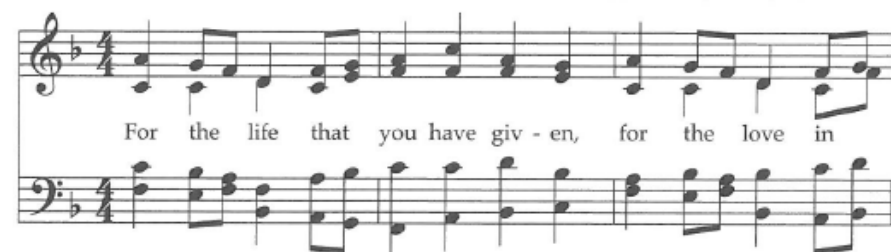


to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

# 717 For the Life That You Have Given



# We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em)

Fm

(Bm)

Cm

(Em)

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)

B<sup>b</sup>m

(Em)

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)

B<sup>b</sup>m

(Em)

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:

Refrain

(C)

D<sup>b</sup>

(Em)

Fm



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

(Am)

B<sup>b</sup>m

(Em)

Fm

(Am)

B<sup>b</sup>m

(Bm)

Cm

(Em)

Fm

(Am/E) (Em)

B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm



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

# 606

## Praise God, from Whom

## All Blessings Flow

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise \*him, all crea - tures



here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



\*Or "God"

# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

# You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

## The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

the trees of the field will clap their hands

while you go out with joy.

\*Clap hands.