#### WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Follow us on Facebook

Find and review us on Google

#### **HELPFUL TO KNOW**

If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship service live, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:

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 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 Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (<u>jan KB9LTA@yahoo.com</u>) or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

Choirmaster & Handbell DirectorJane WesterChurch SecretaryReese StarihaCustodianBeth LisakDirector of Spiritual FormationLaura FooteFinancial SecretaryCathy Hecht

Nursery Coordinators Annika Nikoi & Danielle Brady-Anderson

Organist & PianistAlexander SandorPastorRev. Brett M. FooteTreasurerChristy Willmore

**Cover Art:** Photo provided by Brett Foote



A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A)





### 229 North 28th Street East Superior, WI 54880

Office: 715-392-4751 Pastor: 717-247-4433

unitedpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/UnitedPresbyterianChurch

#### **Online Worship**

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024 10:00 AM

If you are joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

If the text is bolded, everyone is invited to say the words in unison.

PRELUDE WELCOME

Alex Sandor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

#801

#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray...

All: You God, are love and you love us. You are good and you are good to us. You are holy and teach us the way to live. Forgive us God, for we do not always write your truths on our hearts. Sometimes we forget or ignore the truth in our stubbornness. Sometimes, our hearts are hard, sometimes are heads are too. Soften our hearts. Soften them some more. Heal and shape us. In the name of the Holy Trinity we pray, amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: United, here now the words of Mary Oliver's poem *This Morning Again It Was In The Dusty Pines:* "Not in shyness but in disgust the owl turns its face from me and pours itself into the air, hurrying until it is out of sight—and, after all, even if we came by some miracle upon a language which we both knew, what is it I might say there in the orange light of early morning, in the owl's resting time, that would have any pluck and worth in it?—not admonition, or blame, and not recrimination, and not, I say, unholy weeping, and not, for god's sake, any bending of the knees in the cold and rough grass under its gold and glassy eyes which, in such a conversation, you must imagine turned upon you." As Mary turns to the owl and naturalizes the divine, I reckon we turn to God. We can know as Mary does, God's desire isn't for admonition, blame, recrimination or anything like that, it's for us to know that we are forgiven. Know that today because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection....

All: We and our neighbors are all forgiven!

\*HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #65

#### \*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!"

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

\*RESPONSE O Lord, Our Lord #613

SCRIPTURE READINGS New Testament Reading Dustin Anderson John 12: 20-23

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM Who is the Lamb

SERMON Speed Traps In Indiana Cornfields: God's Law of Love Rev. Brett M Foote

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

\*HYMN Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy #415

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

**OFFERING** 

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor \*OFFERING HYMN #607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who writes your law and love on our hearts, thank you for the gifts of love and sacrifice before us, thank you for making yourself known to us and healing us in Jesus! Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized or hurt by society. Help us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we model your expansive justice and love. Send your powerful Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for each of our communities: Superior, Duluth, and Tower. We want others to know your "love that goes into the far country." 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

#### 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 Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God #849

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN UP TODAY**

You are cordially invited to become part of this year's UPC Community Garden effort! The mission of this project (now in its third year) is to address food insecurity in the Twin Ports, in keeping with Jesus's words in Matthew 25:35a: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." So please consider signing up to adopt one of the garden containers and grow vegetables in it to be used in our Community Dinners. You can sign up as an individual or as part of a group. Or sign up to help with the garden in some other way (by helping take down existing fencing, build a new fence, or blanch and freeze veggies come harvest time, or by adopting the raised bed at Great Lakes Elementary School next door). Stop by the sign-up table after today's service

#### **BOY SCOUT FISH FRY STARTS ON MARCH 1ST**

Join our Scouting Troup for this Year's Lenten Fish Fries.
The Last two meals are March 22, 29 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Age 12 and up, \$15.00
Age 4-11, \$10.00
Age 3 and under, free.

#### **CRAFTERS GROUP**

Please join us in the craft room every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to come and work on our quilting project, or bring their own. Come for the fellowship!

#### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We will be taking a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing next Sunday that can help with hunger, disaster, and development. Please see this Sunday's insert for more details.

#### **COMMUNITY DINNER**

Please join us for our community dinner today at 4:00 PM. The menu includes pulled pork sandwiches, chips, fruit salad, and watergate cake.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 12: 20-23

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

#### **Writing On Our Hearts**

#### Micah 6: 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?

#### Psalm 56: 8

You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your record?

#### **Ezekiel 36: 26**

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

#### 1st Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

#### 1st John 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

#### **Romans 8: 35**

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

#### **Romans 8: 37**

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GET INVOLVED**

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United! Two great ways that are available year-round are to sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship, or to host a coffee hour following the service. There are sign up sheets available at the back of the Narthex under the calendar!

#### **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 meet by the round table in the narthex, from there they will go together to the Youth room for Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith.

#### FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

You can join us for pickleball **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there!

**Volleyball** will be playing **every Sunday at 6 PM** unless there is an announcement stating otherwise!

#### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND SERVICES**

Our last Lenten Soup Supper will take place Wednesday March 20th. The supper will begin at 5:45 with a service following at 6:15. Signup sheets for soup, bread and milk are on the table in the narthex.

#### **CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES**

As of Friday, March 15th, 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.

#### **HOLY WEEK AT UPC MARCH 24TH-31ST**

Holy Week at UPC begins with our Palm Sunday service, next Sunday at 10:00AM (w/palms). Holy Week continues with our Maundy Thursday service on March 28th, at 6:30PM (Child care service is available on Maundy Thursday). We will celebrate Good Friday with the churches of Superior at Pilgrim Lutheran on Friday, March 29th at 6:00PM. There will also be a community choir opportunity for Good Friday. Our Easter Sunday will be full beginning with a Sunrise service at Wisconsin Point lot # 1 at roughly 6:45AM followed by brunch at 8:30AM, a kids Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15AM, Worship at 10:00AM, and Children's Church at 10:15AM.

#### United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

#### **SUNDAY 3/17**

8:30 AM Spiritual Formation Committee

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Morning Worship

10:15 AM Children's Church

2:00 PM Rampage Softball

4:00 PM Community Dinner

5:00 PM Scouts Committee Meeting

6:00 PM Volleyball & Boy Scouts

#### **MONDAY 3/18**

6:00 PM Rampage Softball 6:15 PM Piano Lessons

#### **TUESDAY 3/19**

10:00 AM Pickleball 6:00 PM Bell Choir

#### WEDNESDAY 3/20

10:00 AM Crafters Group

12:00 PM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Caregiver Conversations

2:00 PM CSA Pick-up

5:45 PM Soup Supper

6:15 PM Lenten Service

#### THURSDAY 3/21

10:00 AM Pickleball

6:15 PM Session Meeting

#### FRIDAY 3/22

5:00 PM Boy Scouts Fish Fry

#### SATURDAY 3/23

1:00 PM Eagle Ceremony

#### **Birthdays This Week**

3/17 Melanie Johnson

3/17 Joel Huenemann

3/18 Dianne Waite

3/19 Mary Peterson 3/20 Skye Palmer

3/21 Leroy Hanson

#### LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesdays, February 28-March 19 5:45 Lenten suppers 6:15 Lenten services

Fridays, March 1-29 Boy Scout Fish Fry

March 17th- St. Patrick's Day March 29th- Good Friday

March 31st- Easter Sunday



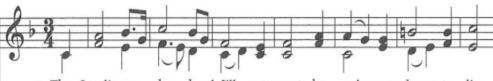
# 849 Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God

하나님의 사랑을 사모하는 자





## The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 801



- 1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
- 2 My soul he doth re store a gain, and me to walk doth make
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
- 4 My ta ble thou hast fur nish ed in pres ence of my foes;
- 5 Good-ness and mer cy all my life shall sure ly fol low me,





in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by. with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake. for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me com-fort still. my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows. and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.



#### **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

### 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

