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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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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20th, 2023

10:00 AM

Cover Art: Holy Chaos



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

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

Make a Joyful Noise to God #54

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of disruption, we give you thanks for those moments where we are blindsided and we suddenly encounter you. Forgive us for those times when we disregard any disturbance as nothing more than a meaningless disruption. Help us find you in some of the most unlikely spaces, places, and people. Help us to have the faith of the Canaanite woman.

Love us.

Heal us.

Shape us.

May we reflect your son, Christ. Amen.

*HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory #307

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sometimes we sin by disregarding others because of their socioeconomic status, their gender, their race, where someone is from, or a whole host of other reasons. God shows us grace because the Holy Spirit will continue to disrupt our lives whether or not we want it to. 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 He Came Down #137

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading Genesis 45:1-15

SERMON "Taking Up Space: Indecent & Disorderly"
Rev. Brett M Foote
New Testament Reading Matthew 15:21-28

*HYMN Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore #721

***CONFESSION OF BELHAR (Abridged by Pastor Brett)**

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

All: We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. This unity between people and God must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jane Wester

*RESPONSE For the Life that You Have Given #717

For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who meets us in the disruption, 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, Hawthorne and the rest of the Northland may 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

To God be the Glory

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Jane Wester

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 8/20

10:00 AM Morning Worship

10:15 AM Children's Church

11 AM DCHS Art Fundraiser

12 PM Lorraine Wolff Visitation

1 PM Lorraine Wolff Funeral

4 PM Community Dinner

6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 8/21

TUESDAY 8/22

10 AM Pickleball

WEDNESDAY 8/23

10 AM Pickleball

10 AM Crafters Group

12 PM Staff Meeting

1 PM UPBeat Deadline

2-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 8/24

7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 8/25

SATURDAY 8/26

1 PM Progressive Lunch

Birthdays This Week

8/23 Camryn Shepard

8/24 Judith Evenstad

8/26 Nancy Withla

LOOKING AHEAD

August 27 Staff & Elders—Meet

New Members

August 31 UPBeat Mailing

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>

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!

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

August 26th - Progressive Lunch on Amnicon Lake

1:00 PM The Schlacks' House for appetizers
8121 S. Dowling Lake Rd E Superior, WI 54880

2:00 PM The Lisak's House for main meal
4519 E. Pleasant View Rd Superior, WI 54880

3:00 PM TeeGeeLee for dessert (AKA The Hecht's)
7932 S. Cty Road A Superior, WI 54880

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

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: hand sanitizer, toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, chapstick, lotion, floss, deodorant, etc.), and canned/sealed food items that are not expired. Please do not donate socks — we received a large donation and will be set for a while! Donations can be brought during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you!

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.

PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

UPC lost 14-3 and 18-3 in the playoffs. Jay and Ryan pitched for UPC! UPC finished 2-10 overall, with an average of 12.0 runs per game, and an average of 18.2 runs allowed per game. Thanks to all of our fans! We will be back next summer!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating UPC's 25th Anniversary the evening of October 7th, at Barker's Island Inn. Plan on enjoying dinner and dessert with your United Family. More info to come this fall!

CASDA VISIT

Desiree Otterino, the Housing First Program Coordinator at CASDA will be joining us *in September* 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

Good news! We have almost enough of the supplies for the PDA Bags. We are still in need of **70 count wide ruled notebooks**. Thank you for your generosity!

COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our free Community Dinner this Sunday, August 20th. Dine in is available from 4-5 PM, then at 5 PM, leftover meals will be packaged up and distributed for anyone who would like to enjoy a hot meal at home instead. We cannot guarantee pick up availability, nor can we distribute pickups any earlier than 5 PM. We will be serving sandwiches, chips, and fruit.

If you would like to volunteer to help with set up or serving, any and all assistance would be welcomed! Check the sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex for volunteer times.

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, August 18th, 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.

Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)

1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heav - en - ly home.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

He Came Down

137

He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

Leader: Why did he come?
have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light
... that we may have peace
... that we may have joy

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla

D A D

1 Lord, you have come to the lake-shore look-ing
2 You know so well my pos-ses-sions; my boat
3 You need my hands, full of car-ing, through my
4 You, who have fished oth-er o-ceans, ev-er

G A A7

nei-ther for wealth-y nor wise ones; you on-ly
car-ries no gold and no weap-ons; you will
la-bors to give oth-ers rest and con-stant
longed for by souls who are wait-ing, my lov-ing

D A D D7

asked me to fol-low hum-bly.
find there my nets and la-bor.
love that keeps on lov-ing.
friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo

G D

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
Se-ñor, me has mi-ra-do a los o-jos, son-ri-

A7 G A7 D D7

smil-ing have spo-ken my name; now my
en-do has di-cho mi nom-bre, en la a-

G F#m B7

boat's left on the shore-line be-hind me. By your
re-na he de-ja-do mi bar-ca, jun-to a

Em A7 D

side I will seek oth-er seas.
ti bus-ca-ré o-tro mar.

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!