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<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>
(If you are here in person we offer hearing assistance devices-see technology desk.)

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before worship for children newborn–4 years old. After the Passing of the Peace, children ages 5 through 5th grade may meet at 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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 20th, 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! #305

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This body of Christ is a holy collection of lives and stories.

All: Braided into each other, the one is made of the many.

One: That we may hold grief in community.

All: That we may remember every life is a gift.

One: By the Spirit, we are made one body. Joined together, let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let's pray: Creator and Creative God, who made humans with bodies and called them good, We bring our whole selves to worship You. We come in our bodies, We come with our hearts.....We come with our minds.....Opening to Your Spirit, we come in spirit. We rejoice in being wholly Yours. Eternal God, Holy Oneness, we give thanks for those times when we are in harmony with the unity of the Body of Christ.

All: We confess those times that we are out of harmony, when we act as separate ones who do not need each other, who do not need You.

One: We give thanks for Your Spirit, who empowers us to seek justice and healing, to love boldly;

All: we confess those times when we betray that calling.

One: Forgive our selfishness, heal our fear, and draw us back to You.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In God, all are loved for who they are, not what they do;

All: Through Christ all are forgiven for what they do, and what they don't;

One: In the Spirit, all are welcomed and fed with grace and hope.

All: We are forgiven, we are loved, we are nourished. Thanks be to God. 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!"**

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

***RESPONSE** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me #582

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kathy Nelson

Old Testament

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 6, 8-10

New Testament

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon Living as a Body

Jocelyn Langholz

New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** Give Thanks

#647

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Together let us ask for God's blessing on our offering:

All: May our gifts go forth into our world, so that where people hunger, they may be fed; where there is war, peace might be welcomed; where families are broken, they may be made whole. Then others will be as blessed as we have been by Your love, grace, and compassion. In Jesus' name, we offer our gifts and this prayer of gratitude. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

***CLOSING HYMN** God, Whose Giving Knows no Ending #716

*BENEDICTION

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—Our next community dinner will be Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 PM. To learn more, contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! Contact Jenna at jenna.slagter@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 Jenna at jenna.slagter@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!
- Sand Volleyball—Come watch every Wednesday night at Aces in Superior. See the bulletin or church calendar for game times. Contact the office or Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003 with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January 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
- Roast Beef Dinner—Wednesday, September 30th at 4:00 PM. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. Also, tickets will be sold in the narthex today and next Sunday. They will not be sent out due to high postage. Contact the office with any questions.
- Munch Bunch—Join us Thursday, October 1st, at 5:30 PM for dinner at the Covered Wagon located in Hawthorne, WI. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/20

Coffee Hour—After Worship

TUESDAY 9/22

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:30 PM Personnel Committee

THURSDAY 9/24

10:00 AM Pickleball

SATURDAY 9/26

MONDAY 9/21

2:00 PM Piano Lessons
6:01 PM Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 9/23

10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

FRIDAY 9/25

Birthdays This Week

9/20—Patricia Johnson
9/21—Paul Waite
9/22—Jake Anderson
9/23—Adrien Ellerby
9/23—James McCumber
9/25—Roger Branham VI
9/26—Ronald Hicks

SCRIPTURE READING

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 13:10-17

13:10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. **11** And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. **12** When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." **13** When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. **14** But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." **15** But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? **16** And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" **17** When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 6, 8-10

8:1 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. **2** Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. **3** He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. **6** Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. **8** So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. **9** And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. **10** Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. **14** Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. **15** If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? **18** But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. **19** If all were a single member, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many members yet one body. **21** The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." **22** On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, **24** whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, **25** that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. **26** If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. **27** Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL SMALL GROUPS

Fall Small Group Sign-ups are due today, September 20! Books are \$12 and will be ordered by tomorrow. If none of the meeting times work for you, please put a note on your sign-up sheet and we'll see about creating a 4th group or pairing study partners together. Groups will begin meeting:

- Tuesday 1-2:30pm; October 6
- Wednesday 6:30-8pm; October 7
- Thursday (1 spot left) 6:30-8pm; October 1

UPC VOLLEYBALL

It was a great season for the UPC Burnin' Beets! The team played hard all year and finished just one game short of the championship.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Our All Saints' Day worship will take place on Sunday, November 1st. We would love to remember any loved one who has passed in the last 12 months. Forms are available at the back of the narthex. Please return completed forms to the office or place them in the offering plate. Deadline for submitting names is Monday, October 26th.

PICKLING BEETS

We'll be pickling beets on Saturday, October 10, beginning at 9:00 AM. If you'd like to help by bringing one of the needed items or volunteering in the kitchen, sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Reach out to the office with any questions.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

We'll be collecting the World Communion Offering Sunday, October 4th. See the insert for more details.

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>



What? Celebration Sundae!

When? October 25 – after church

Where? UPC Fellowship Hall

Why? Stewardship Pledge Card Day

Please RSVP – Return the slip below

Names

Number of folks attending

Join us as we celebrate the stewardship of all God has provided.

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



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,



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,



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:



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



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

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B $\flat$

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

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

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

(G) (D) (A)
B $\flat$ F C

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

(Bm) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B $\flat$ C F

to you, of-fering 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,

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B $\flat$ F

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.