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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. 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

Fourth Sunday In Eastertide

April 26th, 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** In the Bulb There Is a Flower #250

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: All of Creation surrounds us, the great Circle of Life. We are a part of the circle.

All: We give thanks to You, O God our Creator! God has blessed us with all living things, and with the gift of love.

One: Christ, our Teacher, lead us in the path of love, the Way of Life. Every living thing bears glory to God.

All: Yet, we confess we have not honored Your Creation; we have not loved it as You have loved us.

One: We have thought ourselves separate, not part of Your Creation.

All: Forgive our ignorance and arrogance, our greed and destructiveness.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with Your grace, that we may bear fruit and give glory to God, in our worship now, and in all of our lives.

All: Amen!

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: People of God, children of the earth, know that the God of Life forgives all our sin, and heals our brokenness.

All: God renews the Holy Spirit in us, that we may have abundant life.

One: By the grace of God, in Christ, the oneness and the blessing and the beauty of all Creation are ours, now and forever.

All: 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** Be Not Afraid (3x) #243

CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ella & Airana

Old Testament

Leviticus 25:1-7

Sermon Jubilee as Rest and Resistance

Jocelyn Langholz

New Testament

Matthew 6:25-34

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR EARTH DAY

—by Rev. Sarah Speed, from our new Earth Day/Creation Care liturgy

One: We believe in a creating God who delights in the Earth and calls it good. We believe in the Holy Spirit who moves through creation like a mighty rushing wind. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth who calmed the seas and told stories of mustard seeds, birds, and valleys. We believe that humanity is undeniably intertwined with creation, and that creation is undeniably intertwined with God. Therefore, we believe our faith calls us to care for creation: to plant flowers, to speak tenderly to animals, to thank the Earth for her bounty, to clean the streams, to protect the forests, and to live like we are standing on holy ground, because we are.

***HYMN** All Things Bright and Beautiful #20

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** God of Great and God of Small

#19

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of Creation, who made all things good, we know that You have given us, Your children, all we need. We thank You for Your abundant love that we witness in the beauty of Your creation, in all creatures, and in all that gives us life. May we be good stewards of what we have received, serving and caring for one another in our church family, our communities, and our world. Bless these gifts we pray. Amen.

TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** O Lord My God #625

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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 next dinner in June. 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 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 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.
- Vacation Bible School—We are hosting a free vacation bible school June 22-26 for kids going into K-5th grade. It goes from 4:45-7:00p. See the flyer in the narthex for more details. Contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com with any questions.
- BBQ Rib Dinner—Wednesday, April 29 from 4:00-6:00p. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex if you'd like to volunteer. Contact the office with any questions.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Leviticus 25:1-7

25:1 The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, **2** "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a Sabbath for the Lord. **3** Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in their yield, **4** but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of complete rest for the land, a Sabbath for the Lord: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. **5** You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land. **6** You may eat what the land yields during its Sabbath—you, your male and female slaves, your hired and your bound laborers who live with you, **7** for your livestock also, and for the wild animals in your land all its yield shall be for food.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 6:25-34

6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? **28** And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' **32** For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **34** "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

BEACH CLEAN-UP

We'll be doing a beach clean up at Wisconsin Point (lot #1) right after church today. Everyone is welcome to join! There will be a fire and snacks. Questions? Contact Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673.

BBQ RIB DINNER

Our rib dinner is this Wednesday, April 29, from 4:00—6:00 PM. The menu includes bbq pork ribs, baked beans, cornbread, coleslaw, beet pickles, dessert, and a beverage. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids, and under 5 free. Take-outs are available. Contact the office with any questions.

COMMUNITY GARDEN KICK-OFF COMING MAY 17!

The 2026 UPC Community Garden Kick-Off will be on Sunday, May 17, after church. We'll have a salad potluck for the entire congregation. Please sign up to bring a salad or dessert. It will be fun!

RUMMAGE SALE

Mark your calendar! Friday, May 29, from 3—6 PM, and Saturday, May 30, from 9 AM—Noon, is this year's rummage sale. As you spring clean, save your stuff for the rummage sale. Please don't bring items to the church until the week of the sale.

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. May 2 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. May 2 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.
- Munch Bunch—May 7 at 5:30 PM. Join us for dinner at Eddie's, located at 5221 E 4th St in Superior.
- Walking Group—As of April 22, the inside walking group is discontinued until fall/winter. Reminder: any church member can walk in the church during open church hours unless the church is being used.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 4/26

Pastor Out of Office—Vacation
8:45 AM Chancel Choir
Coffee Hour—After Worship
12:30 PM Beach Clean-up
6:00 PM Volleyball

TUESDAY 4/28

1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir
6:00 PM GMNC Meeting

THURSDAY 4/30

10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

SATURDAY 5/2

9:00 AM Women's Breakfast
9:00 AM Men's Breakfast
1:00 PM Pow-Wow at Middle School

MONDAY 4/27

Pastor Out of Office—Vacation
UPBeat Deadline
2:30 PM Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY 4/29

10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:00 PM Rib Dinner

FRIDAY 5/1

Birthdays This Week

4/28—Anthony Simensen
4/30—Erick Vosburgh

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) C7 (D) F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
 F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
 Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Be Not Afraid 243

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev-ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

God of Great and God of Small 19

1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,

God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark-est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-c-la-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My



Refrain



u-ni-verse dis-played:
 feel the gen-tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 take a-way my sin: God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

