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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.

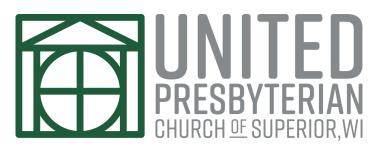
The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (<a href="mailto:ian\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com">ian\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com</a>) or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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# **Online Worship**

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10th, 2024 10:00 AM

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 WELCOME

Alex Sandor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven #620

#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray...

All: Thank you, good God, for loving us. Thank you, good God, for healing us. Thank you, good God, for saving us. Thank you for all of this and more. Sometimes we address you like a genie, like you are a wish fulfillment machine. Forgive us for that, O God. Forgive us for those times we unfairly criticize you. Heal our relationships with our neighbors but especially with you. In the name of the Holy Trinity we pray, amen.

# \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: United, we won't always get it right. We won't always say or do the correct thing. We won't be perfect. God forgives you when you tried your best or when you really didn't try much at all. Here's the good news, when we get things wrong, God heals us from our pain and brokenness. Here's even better news: Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection....

All: We and our neighbors are all forgiven!

\*HYMN O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #610

#### \*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 O Lord, Our Lord #613

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading John 3: 14-21

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

SERMON Crossing The Line: Being healed Rev. Brett M Foote

**Old Testament Reading** 

Numbers 21: 4-9

\*HYMN There is a Balm in Gilead #792

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION** 

OFFERING

OFFERTORY
\*OFFERING HYMN

Alex Sandor #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 loves the world, 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 Chippewa Falls. 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 Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness #657

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN UP COMING MARCH 17TH**

Please consider being a gardener in the 2024 UPC Community Garden! This project, now in its third year, provides fresh vegetables for our Community Dinners and is thus a good way to address food insecurity in our area. Like before, each gardener (or gardening group) will pick one of the large pots or one of the raised beds on the church grounds to garden in this summer. Sign-up (including choice of container) will begin on Sunday, March 17. You'll also have a chance to sign up to help with the garden project in other ways (building a new fence, blanching and freezing vegetables, assisting Great Lakes Elementary with their garden).

Inexperienced at gardening but want to sign up? Not to worry: We have experienced gardeners on our garden planning team who will provide support to participants new to gardening.

New this year: Before the garden season begins, the garden pots will be moved to the raised-bed area, so we'll have a more cohesive garden. To prepare for the move, soon, we'll take down the existing fencing. To do this, we'll need a small crew. Let us know if you can help. Contact Deborah Schlacks (desertswan@aol.com, 218-348-6032) to volunteer or to ask any questions about the garden project.

# New Church Secretary

Reese Stariha was hired as the new Secretary at UPC. He is 33 years old and has been a resident of Superior for a majority of his life. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends. He has completed his first week and a big thanks to Jane Wester for all the help and support with training him in.

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

Join our Scouting Troup for this Year's Lenten Fish Fries. March 1, 8, 15, 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 mornings at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to come and work on our quilting project, or bring their own. Come for the fellowship!

# VOLLEYBALL 2/25

Bump set spike by Jay We had 9 for volleyball Sunday ,great games! MVP: Jeff Olson \*\*

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21: 4-9

John 3: 14-21

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

# **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

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#### **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**

Lenten Soup Suppers will be held on February 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 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 Tuesday, March 5th, 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 at 10:00AM (w/palms) on Sunday, March 24th. 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 3/10**

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 2:00 PM Rampage Softball 6:00 PM Volleyball

# **MONDAY 3/11**

5:00 PM Finance Committee 6:00 PM Rampage Softball 6:15 PM Piano Lessons

# **TUESDAY 3/12**

10:00 AM Pickleball 6:00 PM Bell Choir

#### WEDNESDAY 3/13

10:00 AM Crafters Group 5:45 PM Soup Supper 6:15 PM Lenten Service 6:15 PM Personnel Committee

# THURSDAY 3/14

10:00 AM Pickleball 12:00 PM Noon Roundtable 6:00 PM PEO Meeting 6:00 PM Buildings & Grounds 7:00 PM AA Meetings 8:00 PM Evening Roundtable

# FRIDAY 3/15

5:00 PM Boy Scouts Fish Fry

# SATURDAY 3/16

1:00 PM Eagle Ceremony

# **Birthdays This Week**

3/11 Emma Buckley

3/12 Grace Johnson 3/12 Jim Willmore

3/14 Alex Elv

3/14 Sherri Rude

3/15 Becky Kirk

3/15 Dolores Larsen

# LOOKING AHEAD

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

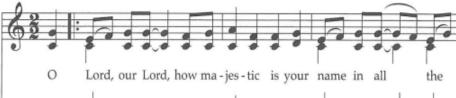
Fridays, March 1-29 Boy Scout Fish Fry

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

March 31st- Easter Sunday

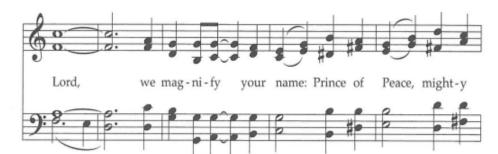






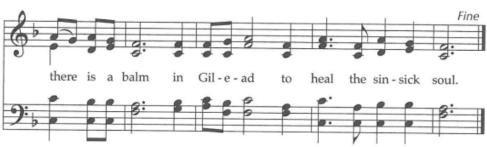








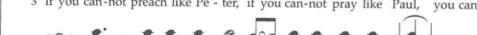






1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but 2 Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and

3 If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can





then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."

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