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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.

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Online Worship

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26th, 2025

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 Alex Sandor
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT: Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet #458**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: We praise you, O God for transforming our lives.

All: We thank you for your word!

One: Honestly, we don't always turn to Scripture.

All: We don't always read, trust, or let your word transform our lives!

One: Forgive us for not believing what we have not yet seen.

All: Forgive us for those moments when our faith is lacking. Forgive us as you promise to do and renovate our homes of doubt.

One: Make us shine. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: May you know that you are beloved and forgiven. Turn to your neighbor and let them know this now... say to them: "You are beloved. You are forgiven. Just as you are."

All: Because of Christ 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!" (share a request in the comments section)

***RESPONSE We've Come This Far by Faith (2x) #656**

CHANCEL CHOIR

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Kirsten Standen

New Testament Luke 4: 14-21

SERMON HGTV: Tests, Lighting, Scripture Rev. Brett M. Foote

Old Testament Psalm 19

Baptism of Zachary Alex Hayes

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE Mary Peterson, Clerk of Session

One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

All: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM

***BAPTISMAL RESPONSE I Was There to Hear Your Born Cry #488**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION Jan Letsos

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #609**

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who makes us shine, take our gifts of time, talents, and treasures and grow them for your kingdom. Help us to live openhanded lives sharing the gift of our lives with others. Move in us so that we may center the voices of those on the margins. Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. We want others to know what new life in you is like! Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT 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 I Love to Tell the Story #462**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENT

BIRTHDAY POTLUCK

Please join us for the Birthday Potluck following the service today. When it is time to “dine” you sit at the table of your birthday month. It is a great chance to reconnect with those birthday sharing friends from last year’s birthday potluck! Everyone is welcome; we always have plenty of delicious food and many cakes to sample!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1/26

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
Coffee Hour
Birthday Potluck
6:00 PM Volleyball

TUESDAY 1/28

10:00 AM Pickleball
12:30 PM Piano Tuning
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir

THURSDAY 1/30

10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
4:00 PM Kickstarters Soccer

SATURDAY 2/1

MONDAY 1/27

3:30 PM Piano Lessons
4:00 PM Superior Sister City Commission

WEDNESDAY 1/29

10:00 AM Crafters Group
4:30 PM Piano Lessons

FRIDAY 1/31

Birthdays This Week

1/27— Tim Anderson
1/27— Gianna Johnson
1/27— Lyn Larson
1/29— Courtney Cairns
1/29— Bev Vosburgh
1/29— Hunter Willmore
1/31— Cole Defoe

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect one’s own errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 4: 14-21

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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.
- Community Dinner— Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August.
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp— Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee.
- Community Garden*— Help plan and carry out the UPC Community Garden project, which provides vegetables for UPC Community Dinners and Great Lakes Elementary students.
- Nursery— Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! You will serve with a Nursery Coordinator once or twice a month (your choice). **A background check is required.*
- Children's Church— Come help our young ones grow in their faith during Children's Church! This takes place during the Sunday service. You can volunteer once or twice a month (your choice). **A background check is required.*
- Volunteer with Great Lakes Elementary— Support the students at our neighboring school, Great Lakes Elementary. The times and days vary—connect with Laura to find out availability. **A background check is required.*

Ways To Learn, Grow, & Get Involved

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball— Every Sunday at 6:00 PM.

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet 458

Refrain

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as whole, half, quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, rests, and bar lines. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at specific points: G, D/F#, G, C, D7, G, C, D, G, D/F#, G, C, D7, G, Fine, D, Am, Em, Bm, C, D, C, G, D, Am, Em, Bm, C, D, E, Dsus, D7 to Refrain.

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my
path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a
light un-to my path. When I feel a-fraid, and I
think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me.
Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

We've Come This Far by Faith 656

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,

trust-ing in the ho - ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.

O, can't turn a - round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

462 I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

488 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no

you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -

see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es

child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as

4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.
 I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."