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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) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31st, 2022

10:00 a.m.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE Alex Sandor
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** Our God is an Awesome God (3x) #616

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 134)**

One: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord!

All: Come, stand by night in the house of the Lord!

One: Lift up your hands to the holy place.

All: Bless the Lord!

One: May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

All: May the Lord bless all here in the Northland, and everyone to the ends of the earth.

***HYMN** We Praise You, O God #612

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ADORATION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of sharing, we love you. We give thanks for the miracle of the five loaves and two fish. We praise you for teaching us how to share and how sharing strengthens us. We praise you for interdependence. We confess that sometimes we value independence too highly. We confess that at times we are self centered. We confess to sometimes succumbing to the sin of greed. Forgive us for trying to make our way in this world without you and others. Forgive us for only consuming instead of sharing. Help us to live more openhanded so that others may flourish. May we share abundantly. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Cameron Brooks wrote in his poem *The Seagull Scans A Fallow Field* "The seagull scans/ a fallow field/ in search of God/ knows what./ Have you lost your way,/ mistaking this God/ forsaken wilderness/ for the shores you were/ created for?/ Perhaps you were gulled/ by the Prairie/ waves into believing/ that you had discovered country/ good for more/ than flying over—/ maybe even a place/ to stay; it's okay,/ so did we."

Brooks' wonders if the seagull he has seen has found a home. It seems odd that it might settle down in a field that is far different from the shores most of its kind reside around. However, the prairie shows the gull that it to has waves to give and share just like the open water. The earth offers us so much no matter where we go, to admire, to provide for us. The lake we live on is 10% of the world's fresh water. May we share with one another the way the earth shares with us. That is how God intended. Freely and abundantly sharing and stewarding what we have. Sometimes, we don't do that, sometimes we don't give as we have been given to and we hoard things for ourselves. Even when we hoard and get things wrong, God still provides and God forgives us. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and especially his resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "**Christ be with you.**" In response you may say "**And also with you!**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. In person, say hello to others and connect. Please minimize contact.)

RESPONSE (Children please come forward at this time):

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's Got the Wind and the Rain in His Hands

He's Got Everybody in His Hands

TIME WITH CHILDREN Laura Foote

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Reading Hosea 11:1-11

SERMON "Pastoral Financial Planner: Pre-Marital Counseling"
Rev. Brett M Foote
New Testament Reading Luke 12:13-21

***HYMN** Though I May Speak #693

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

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.

OFFERING
MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people, here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Alex Sandor
#607

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who calls us to share what we have, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we love alongside our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of your gifts and may we be loving neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. May we live with your mercy and grace. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know your love and grace. In the name of the Holy Trinity, 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 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #700
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.
They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.
My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.
How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.
They shall go after the Lord,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 7/31

10:00 AM Morning Worship
6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 8/1

TUESDAY 8/2

10 AM Pickleball
3-7 PM Piano Lessons
4:30 PM Worship Committee
6 PM Softball @ 58th St Field 1

WEDNESDAY 8/3

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
3 PM Fellowship and Outreach Meeting
4 PM Deacons Meeting

THURSDAY 8/4

6 PM Church Wide Potluck/Picnic
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 8/5

SATURDAY 8/6

6 PM AA Speaker Meeting

Birthdays This Week

7/31 Lorraine Little
8/1 Jane Wester
8/2 Jay Hecht
8/3 Deja Anderson

LOOKING AHEAD

August 4

Church Wide Potluck

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>

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

We are currently encouraging masking. There is no longer a hiatus on eating together.

Session will continue to monitor the situation through the Public Health Department of Douglas County.

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

The nursery is now staffed 15 minutes before the service until 15 minutes after for children from new born up through 4 years old. The nursery is located to the left of the Narthex when facing the front, through the two glass doors, and it is the first door on the right.

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!

COMMUNITY GARDEN GOING STRONG; COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The UPC Community Garden is going strong! Crops are springing up apace, and fencing has recently been erected around our various garden containers to keep the critters away from them. Take a look when you're at church. With all that in mind, the Garden Committee is looking to expand so that all these efforts are well supported. If you are interested in helping with this year's gardening and in planning for next year's, please consider joining us. We meet on the first Monday of each month (except July) at 4 pm (but would be open to moving the meeting time if a new member could not meet then). Not sure if you want to join? Contact Deborah Schlacks at 218-348-6032 or at desertswan@aol.com for more information, or come to our next meeting (Monday, August 1 at 4 pm) to find out more.

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SOFTBALL

Softball season is here! If you are looking for a fun way to get to know others, come out and join us this summer for softball! If you would like more information, connect with Laura after the service, or by sending an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

UPC played and lost a heartbreaker 24 - 23 vs The River 2 church. Jay homered for UPC, Kylie Miller played for UPC and made some good force outs infield, and Zach and Keaton had hits and scored runs for UPC. Our next game will be August 2nd at 58th St Field 1 vs Darrow Road.

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are ready for donations for the summer! We are currently accepting: **toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, chapstick, lotion, floss, deodorant, etc.), canned/sealed food items that are not expired, water bottles, sunscreen, hats and/or visors, and sunglasses.** Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you!

SUMMER BONFIRES

Every 2nd Thursday of the month this summer we will be having a bonfire at Girl Scout Point in Billings Park (aka the big fire pit overlooking the river). Come join us for s'mores, food, singing around the fire, and games! Bring a friend or two or three! If the weather isn't all that good we will gather in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for our last gathering of the summer on August 11 at 5:30p and come on out. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Laura by sending an e-mail to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

SUPERIOR REBUILD PROJECT PT.1—THANK YOU!

Superior Rebuild Team,

I cannot even begin to express how grateful and appreciative we are for your help with our back deck project. This is something we've wanted to do for YEARS and you helped make it possible.

-Mary & Chris Willie & Family

OUR SABBATH MONTH & CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK

United, as a reminder we will be taking the month of July off from all committee meetings as a concerted effort to rest as a church. This will culminate with a church wide potluck in Billings Park at Pavilion 1 on Thursday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a plate, utensils, and cup as well as a dish or dessert to share. Some food and snacks (as well as backup utensils and plates) will be provided by the church. We will have Cornhole and a few others games to be played as well. We hope to see everyone there. Last years potluck was amazing and we are hoping for a great time again.

Our God Is an Awesome God 616

Awesome God

Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove
with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

Chords: C, G, D, Em, C, G, Am, Em, B7, Em

We Praise You, O God

612

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Though I May Speak 693

The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



1 I'm gon - na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon - na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon - na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon - na sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon - na
 I'm gon - na
 I'm gon - na
 I'm gon - na



live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

