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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 (jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22nd, 2023

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Holy, Creating, Creative God,

All: We sing from the depths of our sorrow.

We sing from the abundance of our joy.

We sing in voices separate and unique.

We sing with one voice as your body.

**May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song,
and the meditations of our hearts, whether in prose or poetry,
be pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: We confess that sometimes we look at your creation which you have called good and reject its beauty and inherent goodness.

All: We fail to see your divine image in those around us, often judging, fearing, or rejecting those we consider as "others".

One: We have fallen short of being family and the beloved community you have called us to be.

All: Forgive us when we do not see ourselves and each other with your eyes and heart.

***HYMN** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #610

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Adapted from Rev. Shawna Bowman, *More Light Presbyterians*)

One: Hear this Good and abiding news, God does not leave us where God finds us.

This is the promise made to us by the God who created us in God's own image:

The space between God's abundance and life's hard truths is where grace meets us.

May this grace compel us to answer the call to go where the spirit leads.

We are found here in this place, we are forgiven, we are beloved. Thanks be to God.

***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.)

***RESPONSE** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (vs 1) #582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Sue Olson
Genesis 1:26-31

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

SERMON "Grace for Every Body"

New Testament Reading

Jocelyn Langholz
Matthew 15:21-28

***HYMN** God of the Fertile Fields #714

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures, high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of hope and wholeness, we bring our offerings of peace before you, trusting that you will use them toward the work of shalom, the work of peace and wellbeing for all people. Where bodies are aching with hunger, bearing scars of discrimination, or living in isolation, We long to be a part of your healing work wherever there is pain or brokenness May these gifts be multiplied throughout your church as we work with you to repair the broken places in our communities and in the world. Make us faithful witnesses in all times and in all ways to the peace and loving welcome found in the name of Jesus. 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** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #611

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:26-31

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 10/22

Pastor Out—Vacation
8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
11 AM Mission Committee
6 PM Volleyball
6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 10/23

Pastor Out—Vacation
1 PM UPBeat Deadline
6 PM Worship at the Table—Lisak/Schlacks
6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 10/24

Pastor Out—Vacation
1 PM Worship at the Table—Hecht/Wester—In Youth Room
4 PM Pickleball
6 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY 10/25

10 AM Crafters Group
12 PM Staff Meeting
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
6:15 PM Worship at the Table—Bergstrom/Foote—In Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Worship at the Table—Vosburgh/Schulz

THURSDAY 10/26

10 AM Pickleball
6 PM PEO Meeting
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 10/27

Tiff Out

SATURDAY 10/28

Birthdays This Week

10/22 Jennifer Willoughby
10/23 Donna Okash
10/24 Ryan Yingling
10/24 Joyce Bee
10/24 Alli McCumber
10/25 Sara McCumber
10/25 Michelle Cornetet
10/27 Kim Kiel
10/27 Fran Brice

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>

LOOKING AHEAD

October 31
November 4

UPBeat Mailing
Fall Fling Bazaar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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. *There will be no Children's Church on Sunday, October 22nd.*

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Our pickleball schedule is changing! You can now join us **Tuesdays from 4-6 PM** 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!

October 29th—We will be having a hike at Bear Creek Trail after church! Once we have completed our hike, we will stop for some lunch at Gronks.

November 5th—Lydia Noble will be holding an Adult Education class following the service.

November 7, 14, 28, and December 5, 12, 19—Chelsea Thompson will be leading a "Boost Your Brain and Memory Program" from 1-2:30 PM.

January 28th—Birthday Potluck: Sign up sheets will be posted closer to the event.

February 18th—Spud Day: More information to come closer to the event.

SUPERIOR REBUILD FORMS

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with a large scale or small scale project, such as home repairs or upgrades, Superior Rebuild would like to help! There are forms available at the back of the narthex that can be filled out with details about the work that needs to be done. Once they are filled out, feel free to put them into the offering plate, mailbox, or in the office. You may also scan and email the form to the office if that is convenient for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL FLING BAZAAR

The next big event for the Presbyterian Women will be the Fall Fling Bazaar on Saturday, November 4th from 9 AM to 1 PM. This is a church wide event so we need everyone's help to make it a success. You can help by providing homemade craft items, baked goods, homemade candy, plants, or gift baskets. We also need help setting up the day before and workers for the day of the bazaar. You can also help by coming to shop and telling your friends.

CARD DONATIONS

Susan Litehiser needs cards for her letter ministry. She is most in need of cards with pretty pictures and blank insides, as well as "Thinking of you" cards. Thank you all so much!

WELCOME

We welcome Christine Winkler Johnson as she leads the choir while Jane is out of town. Please give her a warm welcome, and thank her for her hard work leading our choir!

WELCOME JOCELYN LANGHOLZ

Leading us in worship this Sunday is a familiar face to some, Jocelyn Langholz who is a candidate for ordination under care of the Presbytery of Northern Waters. Here's what she said about herself: Jocelyn is an outpatient mental health therapist, treating eating disorders and trauma, and providing gender affirming care. Jocelyn attends United Theological Seminary pursuing an MDiv in Social Transformation. She is a member of UPCC in Ashland and currently chairs the Mission, Peace, and Social Justice Committee. Jocelyn has been preaching several times a month, including joining with 5 women pastors in honoring a sixth on her retirement in an ecumenical sunrise service on the shores of Lake Superior. She also notes that she "doesn't really have a bio." We think it's great! Welcome back Jocelyn and thank you for leading us in worship!

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, October 20th, 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.

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day,
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je-sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis-tening to his voice new
 4 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-
 5 To God all glo-ry, praise, and love be

dear Re-deem-er's praise, the glo-ries of my
 bids our sor-rows cease, sings mu-sic in the
 life the dead re-ceive; the mourn-ful wak-en
 sist me to pro-claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev-er given by saints be-low and

God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!
 sin-ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re-joice; the poor in heart be-lieve.
 earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
 saints a-bove, the church in earth and heaven.

God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee; earth and heaven re - flect thy rays;
 3 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan.

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.