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If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship service live, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

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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BAPTISM & COMMUNION SUNDAY

February 7th, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

PRELUDE **Alex Sandor**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT **Bless the Lord, My Soul** **#544**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 75)

One: We give thanks to you, O God. We give thanks, because your name is near.

All: People tell of your wondrous deeds.

One: You, O God, will judge us with equity.

All: When the earth totters, with all its inhabitants, it is God who keep its pillars steady.

One: It is God who executes judgment.

All: We will rejoice forever because of God's great works.

HYMN **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** **#475**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who heals and casts out, we confess that we do not always identify demons as such, in this life. We confess that we do not always pray for or participate in the healing of ourselves or those around us. Forgive us for not casting out the demons we encounter: greed, addiction, lust, slander, racism, malice, and hate. Forgive us for our lack of participation in healing and prayer for healing. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: United, it is easy to survey our lives and get discouraged by the ways in which we come up short. Sin permeates our lives. However, God does not hold that sin against us. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those in the comments section with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you." (Say hello to one another!)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Kathryn Craven

Olson Family

Isaiah 40:21-31

SERMON "Presbyterians: The Curious Case For Casting Out Demons"

Rev. Brett M Foote

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:29-39

HYMN **Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters** **#490**

BAPTISM OF HARPER ANN SCHMITT

Mary Peterson, Clerk of Session:

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

The congregation responds:

**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.**

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; He is seated at the right hand of the Father, And he will come to judge the living and the dead. He ascended into Heaven, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: We give you thanks, Eternal God...

To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever.

All: Amen

BAPTISM
HYMN **Jesus Loves Me** **#188**

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY **Alex Sandor**

RESPONSE **#607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who casts out demons and heals the sick, 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 reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know that they are loved by us and by God. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN **Come to the Table of Grace** **#507**

Eucharistic Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Praise to You, O God, for all of Your works.

You created the world and called it good
and made us in Your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from You,

You remained ever faithful.

You taught Your disciples to pray by saying...

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. 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 glory and the power, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks.

All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

CLOSING HYMN **You Shall Go Out With Joy** **#80**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Alex Sandor**

THE LORD'S SUPPER is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you'd like to donate online vs. mailing the weekly offering to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 2/7

10:00 AM Morning Worship
11:30 AM Zoom Coffee Break
12:15 PM Get To Know United Class (Zoom)

MONDAY 2/8

TUESDAY 2/9

9:30 AM PW Meeting (Zoom)
4:30 PM Worship Committee (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 2/10

12:00 Staff Meeting (Zoom)
4:30 PM Finance (Zoom)

THURSDAY 2/11

3 PM Hotdish Prep
5:30 PM B&G (Zoom)

FRIDAY 2/12

SATURDAY 2/13

<u>Birthdays This Week</u>	
2/7	Linda Wigchers
2/10	Bryce Brittan
2/10	Jason Matthias
2/10	Robert Okash
2/11	Rosa Palmer
2/13	Helen Bernacki

<u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>	
February 14	Hotdish Initiative
February 17	Ash Wednesday Soup & Service
February 19	UPBeat Deadline
February 21	Community Dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

Items needed for the Inclusive Care Unit! We currently need: **Winter scarves, adult hats, gloves or mittens, and blankets.** Drop them off at the church Monday-Friday between 12 P.M. and 4 P.M.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

United Presbyterian Church needs volunteers to help clear snow from the three main entrances at the front of the Church on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for the remainder of this winter. Please contact Eric Schlacks to volunteer or to learn more. He can be reached at 218-269-6678 or at desertswan1@gmail.com.

WISHLIST FOR MEMBERS IN NEED

Some members in the congregation could use the following items while they are unable to attend services and have visitors during COVID. The list is currently: **Jigsaw puzzles, stationary and blank greeting cards.** If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the church office during office hours.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The boxes of 2021 offering envelopes for members can be found in the narthex on the table under the calendar. Please come anytime within church hours to pick them up.

ICU TREE

What was formerly the mitten tree is now the ICU tree! It is still set up in the main entrance, and we are asking for donations of new socks, hand warmers, and foot warmers to be placed on the tree to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours to decorate the tree!

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP & ASHES

We are doing a joint drive-thru Soup Supper, imposition of Ashes, and Ash Wednesday service with Pioneer Parish on February 17 here at United. From 4:00-4:30 swing by our church parking lot to grab a soup and bread dinner for you and your family as well as your ashes. Then after you swing by we will live stream our Ash Wednesday service on YouTube just like our Sunday services starting at 5:00 PM that evening. We hope to see you there!

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D)
F(Bm)
Dm(G)
B^b

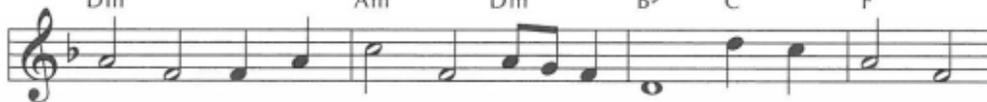
1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D)
F(Bm)
Dm

of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G)
B^b(D)
F(A)
C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm)
Dm(F[#]m)
Am(Bm)
Dm(G)
B^b(A)
C(D)
F

spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm)
Dm(G)
B^b(D)
F

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,



Lit - tle ones to him be-long, They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."



Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.



Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) B \flat

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

(A) C (D) F (A) C (D) F (Em) Gm

(D/A) F/A (G) B \flat (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

G C G D B N.C. Em B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em D7 N.C. G C G D D7 G D7 G C G D B7 Em B7 Em