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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
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or
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[Communion, Installation, and Pride Sunday](#)

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September 5th, 2021

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

**PRELUGE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***INTROIT God Welcomes All x3 #399**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 97)**

One: The Lord is our ruler! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

All: Clouds and thick darkness are all around our God; righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

One: God's lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

All: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness; and all the peoples behold God's glory.

One: The Twin Ports hear and are glad, and the towns around the big lake rejoice, because of your judgments, O God!

All: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

***HYMN O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee #738**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who thinks, speaks and acts:

Sometimes we think but do not speak out.

Sometimes we speak but do not act.

Sometimes we have a faith that is devoid of tangible action.

We want our faith to be living.

We want our beliefs to match our actions.

We want to love our neighbors well.

Remind us to not be only hearers of the word but doers of it as well.

May we be a community that shows up, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Donald Justice wrote in his poem *There is a gold light in certain old paintings*: "The world is very dusty, uncle. Let us work. One day the sickness shall pass from the earth for good. The orchard will bloom; someone will play the guitar. Our work will be seen as strong and clean and good. And all that we suffered through having existed Shall be forgotten as though it had never existed."

Most of us desire that our work be seen as strong, clean, and good, but we also worry that it isn't those things. Sometimes, we are anxious that our striving in God's name isn't enough. God honors your work, God is witness to your faith in action and God delights in you whether or not you accomplish all God asks. Remember that because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: 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.**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may connect with others in a way that is comfortable with you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kathryn Craven

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Joan Johnson

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

SERMON Faith: "Get Them Off The Steps!" Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-17

THE INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

Those being installed to the office of Ruling Elder:
Creede McClellan

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

1 COR. 12:4-7, 27

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

***PROFESSIONS OF FAITH¹**

Apostles Creed

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.

A Modern Affirmation of Faith

We believe in an inviting God
Who invites the poor and the sick,
The outcast and the lonely,
The immigrant and the refugee,
The awkward and the abrasive,

The inconvenienced and the hurried,
The people affected by disability and the able bodied,
The young and the innocent.
We believe God invites the best and the worst—
In all of us.

We believe God invites us to:

A life of faith,
A crowded table,
A messy church,
A deeper truth,
A resilient joy,
A place to belong,
A family among strangers,
A world that is just,
And a love that knows no bounds.

We believe this invitation exists for all people.

We believe this invitation exists for us. And when we miss the call or ignore the invite, We believe that God invites us again. Thanks be to God for that invitational Spirit. Amen

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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: Gracious and eternal God,
with joy we give you thanks and praise...
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all glory and honor, now and forever.

All: Amen

One: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED

*HYMN I Sing a Song of the Saints of God #730

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Amen.

Alex Sandor
#709

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who calls our faith into action, 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. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Holy Communion

COMMUNION HYMN

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

#498

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

One: God of North, South, East, and West,

All: We've have been meaning to say... thank you.

One: Thank you for scooping up the dirt and breathing life into it.

All: Thank you for forming this body, this life, this world, these people.

One: Thank you for drawing us in, for holding us up, and for weaving us together—even when it's hard, especially when it's hard.

All: If people ask, "Where are you from?" my mouth speaks of geography,
but my soul always sings your name.

One: So today we come to you in prayer with gratitude overflowing—
gratitude for the places we've been,
for the people who've shaped us,
and for the spaces we call home.

All: But we also come to you with prayers on our hearts.

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. 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 at home, 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. Here at the church we invite you to take your individual cups as you come into the church, and follow the above pattern.

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.

Prayers to be Shared Please email the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

***CLOSING HYMN**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Come Live in the Light

#749

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

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW COVID PROCEEDURES

Session unanimously voted to encourage masking for all people due to the rise of the Delta variant in neighboring counties. We will continue to sing in worship, but we encourage the use of masks during all parts of the service, for all people, vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Session is hoping that, with the proper precautions, we can continue to worship safely in person.

ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **masks, new or like new towels (all sizes), ready to eat food (in cans or bags), toiletries (soap, contained toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc), and bandaids** to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours!

CONTACTING US

If you need to contact Pastor Brett and he doesn't answer on his cell phone, please call the church to leave a message, as his voicemail sometimes malfunctions.

On that note, our phone is on the fritz due to a number of reasons, so if you're attempting to reach us and are struggling to get through, please call again later, or email us. The phone has also been randomly disconnecting, so if we hang up on you, know that we are sorry, and please try again!

DOORS TO THE NARTHEX

The Building and Grounds Committee would like your help to reduce the Church's utility bill by keeping the doors from the fellowship hall to the narthex closed. These two areas are heated and cooled by different air conditioning units. The thermostats are set at different temperatures. So if the doors separating these areas are left open, the units will run more than necessary.

THE UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN IS COMING!

The UPC Community Garden Committee held its first meeting on August 25. The committee decided to start the garden next spring in the form of a container garden, using the existing 11 pots that are at the back and sides of our parking lot, plus (perhaps) two donated raised beds. Individuals and families from the congregation will be able to sign up to "adopt" a pot or bed in which to grow vegetables and herbs for their own use and for donation to UPC to distribute to community members. A garden party to kick things off is another part of our plans for next spring. Stay tuned for more details as spring approaches. And if you want to join the committee, you still can! The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6, at 3 pm, in person at UPC. Questions? Contact Marian Lanigan ((moms76triumph@yahoo.com; 218-213-8087) or Deborah Schlacks (desertswan@aol.com; 715-392-9195).

COFFEE HOUR

There will be a sign up sheet available in the Narthex for people, families, and groups to sign up for individual Sundays to host our outdoor coffee hours following the service. This will now be on a week to week basis instead of a monthly commitment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PDA BAGS

Thanks to your generosity, we have all of the items needed for the PDA bags! They will be sent out by PW some time next week. Thanks again for all your donations!

CONVERSATION CHURCH SEPTEMBER 19

So often we sit side by side and week after week in the pews without truly getting to know one another. We've been focusing on relationship building over the last two months and we see this as a great way to continue the conversation. After a year of isolation made harder by political divisiveness and social unrest, our society is desperately in need of spaces for connection and conversation. We at United know that change, growth, and healing

can only come through curiosity, empathy, and courage. During this very different worship service put together by the worship committee and myself, we hope to move beyond small talk to practice curiosity, listening, and connection. Therefore, our time will focus on facilitating a unique conversation during a worship service that might provide fellowship, connection, and a glimpse of the holy. The service will last roughly one hour, and people will gather, hear scripture read, engage in thirty minutes of intentional and guided conversation with their neighbors as the sermon moment, and close with prayer and Holy Communion. We hope that you'll join us on Sunday, September 19 during our normal worship time.

SEPTEMBER ADVENTURE GROUP

Enjoy the fall leaves with a drive to the Tri Lakes Community Center, at Amnicon Lake (7872 South, County Rd A, Superior, WI 54880). They are hosting a soup, pie and beverage lunch for \$8 per adult. Our UPC Adventure Group invites you to meet at 12 noon on Saturday, Sept 25th, at the Community Center. If weather cooperates, a pontoon ride around the lake and volleyball could follow. Friends are always welcome too.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be starting up on Sunday, September 12th! It will take place in the Sunday School room every Sunday at 9:15 AM. All Elementary age kids are welcome to join us!

FALL FLING BAZAAR

The Presbyterian Women have scheduled a bazaar for Saturday, October 23, 2021. It will be open from 9 until 1. This is a church-wide event and we need everyone's help to make it a success. Please think about ways in which you can help. If you are creative, start working on those crafts. If you bake, start thinking about what you can make that people would love to buy. If you aren't creative or a baker perhaps you can help set up the day before or work the day of the bazaar. Any and all help will be needed and appreciated.

SUPERIOR REBUILD

Superior Rebuild will be meeting at 925 Clough Ave, Superior, WI to do some work all day on Saturday, September 11th. We would love any and all help we can get, either skilled or unskilled! Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. There will be a planning meeting the day before. If you cannot make the planning, but would still like to help, please contact Pastor Brett.

SUNDAY 9/5

10:00 AM Morning Worship
Coffee Break following service

MONDAY 9/6

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY 9/7

WEDNESDAY 9/8

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
4-6 PM CSA Pickup
4 PM Fellowship and Outreach
6:15 PM Finance Committee

THURSDAY 9/9

5:30 PM B&G Meeting

Birthdays This Week

9/6 Erick Anderson
9/6 Diane Schmitt
9/9 Trevor Dahl
9/11 Willem McClellan

FRIDAY 9/10

4:30 PM Superior Rebuild Planning @ 925 Clough Ave
Superior, WI

SATURDAY 9/11

Superior Rebuild @ 925 Clough Ave Superior, WI

God Welcomes All

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 12	Hotdish Initiative
September 12	Ross Thorn
September 25	Adventure Group @ Amnicon

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730

C Am G C Am

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of

C G C G Am Em F

brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous

C G D7 G C

died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in

F Dm G C Am

doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in

F G7 Am Em

on fierce wild green: they were all of them saints of
 shops, or at tea; and there's not an - y rea - son,
 of God are just

F C F C G7 C

God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should -n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)

F Dm B^b

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm) (G)

F Dm B^b

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)

B^b F C

food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light.
 with you; do not fear!" By your bod - y bro - ken
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)

Dm Am Dm B^b C F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -
 (Bm) (G) (D)
 Dm B^b F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
 D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.