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If you'd like to join virtually, please connect with the following link:
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>
(If you are here in person we offer hearing assistance devices-see technology desk.)

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.

RIDE SHARE

Need a ride? Please check the bulletin board by the fire extinguisher in the narthex.

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Online Worship

**The Fifth Sunday In Lent & Ordination of
Elders & Deacons**

March 22nd, 2026

10:00 AM

If you're 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** Let Us Remember See Insert
(to the tune of "Have Thine Own Way Lord")

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Holy God, You have given us so much. You've shown us how to live and we mostly love to live our lives by the rules.

All: We love clear answers. We love right and wrong.

One: We love swift justice.

All: We love to pick up stones, but You show us another way.

One: You welcome curiosity, possibility and nuanced conversation. You prioritize mercy over legality. You prioritize people over tradition.

All: You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to the stones in our hands and laws than to each other or to You. Forgive us. Soften our hearts.

One: Root us in mercy, justice, and love with hope for a better tomorrow.

All: We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Jesus saw a crowd ready to throw stones and invited them to choose another way.

All: Jesus offered them grace, mercy, and compassion, and the same can be said for us.

One: So hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Our God is a God of mercy. Our God is a God of compassion. Our God is a God of grace.

All: Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection we are forgiven, loved, and invited to choose another way.

One: Thanks be to God...

All: For yet another second chance. 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!" (you may pass the peace in the comments section)

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

***RESPONSE** Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand (vs 1) #832

CHANCEL CHOIR Who Is The Lamb?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon

Tearing Up Wet Lawns: Sin, Grace, & Mercy

Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament

John 8:2-11

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS & DEACONS

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.

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

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

Debbie Bergstrom & Becky Kirk

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #606

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of unmerited grace, thank You for Your unwavering mercy.

Thank You for helping us to drop the stones from our hands and the accusations fingers we point at ourselves and others. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from, with care. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. May we live Your expansive love. We give You thanks for all of these gifts and what they mean for the kingdom of God. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for this congregation, Superior community, and world. May we each be able to share the good news that Christ is at work in our communities! Amen.

TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Here's our suggested version, but feel free to pray the version you are most familiar with.)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me #543**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14

37:1 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. **2** He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. **3** He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." **4** Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. **5** Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. **6** I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." **7** So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. **8** I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. **9** Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." **10** I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. **11** Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' **12** Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. **13** And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. **14** I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

NEW TESTAMENT

John 8:2-11

8:2 Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. **3** The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, **4** they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. **5** Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" **6** They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. **7** When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." **8** And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. **9** When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. **10** Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" **11** She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

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>

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 in the crafting room inside the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office to learn more.
- Community Dinner—Volunteer for our next dinner in June. To learn more, contact the office or Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! Contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church—Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith! Children's Church takes place during the Sunday service. Contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk—Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly, or monthly basis. Training will be provided! Questions? Contact Mac Burriss 304-890-2375.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC. All are welcome!
- Volleyball—Every Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC.
- Men's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Family Restaurant. April 4 is the next breakfast. Questions? Contact Tom Lisak at 218-348-5390.
- Women's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Waffles. April 4 is the next breakfast. Contact Dorothy Burriss at 817-715-0968 with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January, February, and July) at 9:30 AM. December and June meetings are lunches at 12:30 PM. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.
- Lenten Small Group—Every Sunday at 8:45a in the Youth Room through March 29. If you have any questions, contact Laura at laura.foote@upc-superior.com.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 3/22

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
8:45 AM Lenten Small Group
8:45 AM SF Committee
Coffee Hour—After Worship
11:00 AM Leadership Meeting
12:30 PM *Soccer Practice
6:00 PM Volleyball

TUESDAY 3/24

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir
6:00 PM *Gym Rental

THURSDAY 3/26

10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

SATURDAY 3/28

*Outside groups renting the gym.

MONDAY 3/23

UPBeat Deadline
2:30 PM Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY 3/25

10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Walking Group
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
4:00 PM Piano Lessons
5:30 PM *Soccer Practice

FRIDAY 3/27

4:30 PM Scout's Fish Fry

Birthdays This Week

3/27—Chloe Rush

Let Us Remember



What is im - por - tant? What mat - ters more?
We've been shown mer - cy all of our lives
Fol - low - ing Je - sus, liv - ing in truth
What does the Lord re - qui - re of us?



[2]
Hu - man con - nec - tion or keep - ing score? In our pur - suit
By the cre - a - tor of hu - man - kind So when we're in
We re - main faith - ful to our roots When those roots lead
To re - main hum - ble, lov - ing, and just Keep - ing the heart



[5]
of jus - tice and truth Let us re - mem - ber: we fall short, too
a po - si - tion to judge Let us re - mem - ber: they're just like us
us out - side the lines Let us re - mem - ber: faith is a - live
of the gos - pel in mind Let us re - mem - ber: do what is right

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCOUT'S FISH FRY

Join us for our Scout's Fish Fry this Friday at 4:30 PM! Enjoy a delicious meal and support our Scouts. Next Friday, April 3, will be the last fish fry this year.

Pricing:

- Adults: \$15
- Children 4–11: \$10
- Kids 3 & under: Free

UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN TODAY!

The UPC Community Garden Committee is looking for folks to adopt containers in which to raise vegetables during the 2026 garden season. This community garden consists of raised beds and pots on church grounds, as well as a raised bed at Great Lakes Elementary School. The veggies we grow will be used in UPC Community Dinners and in school lunches. Please consider joining us in helping to address food insecurity in our community! Everything needed to grow the crops will be supplied (seeds, dirt, fertilizer, tools, etc.), and beginners will receive guidance. Folks can also sign up to help out with this project in other ways. Look for the sign-up table in the narthex after church today. Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com or at 218-348-6032.

HOLY WEEK AT UPC

Palm Sunday – March 29 at 10:00 AM

Join us as we begin Holy Week with our Palm Sunday service, featuring palms and an intergenerational play.

Maundy Thursday – April 2 at 6:00 PM

We'll be doing a soup & sandwich potluck. Child care will be available. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Good Friday – April 3 at 6:40 PM

UPC will host the community Good Friday service with the churches of Superior. This service begins immediately after the Scout's Fish Fry.

Easter Sunday – April 5

- Sunrise Service at Wisconsin Point (Lot #1) – around 6:30 AM
- Breakfast – 8:30 AM
- Kids' Easter Egg Hunt – 9:15 AM
- Worship Service – 10:00 AM

832 Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

Kwake Yesu Nasimama

Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the sol - id rock of my
Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -

life. He's the sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock
ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni

Fine

of my life. 1 There's no oth - er place I can hide
sa - la - ma. 2 It is not the work of my hands
 3 When my days on this earth are done,

till the storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God
 that has washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all
 and I stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have

to Refrain

from the flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
 of my days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
 an - y fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

606 Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

God, Be the Love to
Search and Keep Me
O Christ, Surround Me

543

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that
move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.