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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) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling

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Online Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20th, 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** From the Rising of the Sun #670

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 116)**

One: God has heard our prayers and supplications.

All: We will call on the name of God, our provider and help.

One: The snares of death surround many, the pain of our human existence is felt.

**All: There's nothing wrong with calling on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, save our lives!"**

One: The Lord is gracious and righteous.

All: The Lord is merciful!

One: When we were brought low, God has saved us.

All: May our souls, in the midst of chaos, turn to rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with us.

***HYMN** I Will Come To You #177

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us Pray.

All: God whose thoughts are above our thoughts and whose ways are above our ways, we confess that sometimes we don't think or act as you would. We confess that we think of scarcity when you think of abundance, retribution when you think of grace, destruction when you think of restoration. We confess that sometimes our actions match our thoughts and not your thoughts. Help us to become more like you, help us to love like you, and help us, O God, to be heavenly minded at times. In the name of the Holy Trinity we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Wendell Berry wrote in his poem *A Purification*: "At start of spring I open a trench//in the ground. I put into it//the winter's accumulation of paper,//pages I do not want to read//again, useless words, fragments,//errors. And I put into it//the contents of the outhouse://light of the sun, growth of the ground,//finished with one of their journeys.//To the sky, to the wind, then,//and to the faithful trees, I confess//my sins: that I have not been happy//enough, considering my good luck;//have listened to too much noise;//have been inattentive to wonders;//have lusted after praise.//And then upon the gathered refuse//of mind and body, I close the trench,//folding shut again the dark,//the deathless earth. Beneath that seal//the old escapes into the new."

Wendell creates for us an image of Spring. While this may be fool's Spring here in the Northland, I'll take it. I'll take all of the renewal that it brings as the snow melts. I'll take the chance to grow again afresh, with the vigor of a seedling just waiting to break forth. We, each day, and each season change, have the opportunity to cast away the self of yesterday with what we may or may not have gotten right. Each day we can be ready to take on the thoughts and ways of God. The beauty of God's relationship with us, is that those opportunities do not end. Each day with God, is an opportunity for Spring cleaning and refresh. Know that God is in the business of season change in your life and the lives of every person. 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 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.)

RESPONSE: O Day of Peace #373

Oh day of peace that dimly shines
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams
Guide us to justice, truth, and love
Delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands
Our hearts from envy find release,
Til by God's grace our warring world
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Laura Foote

SCRIPTURE READINGS
New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

SERMON "Inflation, Invasion, Unrest, & Pandemic: God's Thoughts"
Rev Brett M. Foote
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:1-9

***HYMN** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #435

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE #709**

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.

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who offers grace in the midst of scarcity, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our attention, 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 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, serve, 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.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email 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. 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love #203
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 3/20

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Morning Worship
4-5 PM Community Dinner (Drive-thru)
6 PM Volleyball
6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 3/21

3:15-6 PM Piano Lessons
6 PM Cub Scouts

TUESDAY 3/22

3:30-8:30 PM Piano Lessons
6 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY 3/23

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
1 PM UPBeat Deadline
3-6 PM Piano Lessons
6:30 PM Lenten Worship—Conversation Church

THURSDAY 3/24

5-7 PM Piano Lessons
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 3/25

SATURDAY 3/26

LOOKING AHEAD

March 23
April 1-2

UPBeat Deadline
Confirmation Retreat

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>

Birthdays This Week
3/20 Skye Palmer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

Session unanimously approved a motion from the Worship Committee changing the language of our policy, based on statistics provided by the county, from requiring masking to recommending it when inside the building. There will be a continued hiatus on indoor coffee hour. The situation will be reevaluated bi-weekly now instead of monthly by the Worship Committee and Session.

ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **hand warmers, mittens, hats, wool socks, and scarves** for the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in new items or very gently used ones. Items that are worn out will not be considered. Please bring in donations during office hours. Thank you!

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will be played every Sunday between 6pm -7:30pm in the UPC gym. The church requires you wear a mask. Come join the fun and bring another player along.

CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir rehearsals will take place Sundays at 8:45 AM, and Bell Choir will rehearse at 11:30 AM.

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.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

Our Lenten Worship Series will consist of three types of creative worship, as well as our traditional Ash Wednesday Service on March 2nd. The three creative worship services are: Taizé Worship, Inclusive Worship, and Conversation Church. The Taizé Worship will consist of communion, singing, and times of silence. The Inclusive Worship will consist of telling the scriptures with blocks, doing crafts based on the scripture, meditation, and reflecting on current media to see how the scripture may apply to today's world. Conversation Church is a worship service based around questions and conversation, and there will be opportunities to write your own psalms and prayers, as well as pray for each other. We hope you'll join us for at least one, if not all of these creative worship services!

March 23 – Conversation Church
March 30 – Conversation Church
April 6 – Inclusive Worship
April 14 – Maundy Thursday Taizé Worship

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We will be collecting our One Great Hour of Sharing offering on April 10th. Please keep an eye on future bulletins for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Mission committee is partnering up with Pilgrim Lutheran and Westminster Presbyterian Churches in accepting donations for children K-12. Monetary donations are welcomed, and checks can be made out to the church, with "School donations" in the memo line. These are the items that are currently being accepted for this project: **Scarves, hats, mittens and gloves, socks, and underwear**. A box can be found at the back of the Narthex to put donations in. Thank you!

SCRIPTURE READER SIGN UP

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Narthex where you can sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship services. This a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings, and our call to worship.

QUILTING GROUP

If anyone is interested in the quilters group starting up again, please contact Jane Wester, so we can gauge interest. Her email is: jwester801@gmail.com

SIGN UP TO GARDEN IN THE UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN!

The Community Garden Committee wants to thank everyone for the wonderful response last week to the call for folks to be gardeners in our inaugural UPC Community Garden. We do have a few openings remaining: two 5-sq-ft-diameter pots, one 3-sq-ft-diameter pot, and one 6x3 space in the raised bed. The sign-up sheet will be available at a table in the back after the service today. Both new and experienced gardeners (and everyone in-between) are encouraged to stop by and sign up. Everything necessary--soil, fertilizer, seeds, plants, tools, and (for those new to gardening) guidance--will be supplied. In addition, if you did not get your lettuce or spinach seed packet last week, please stop by the table to pick it up. The packets are for EVERYONE in the congregation, regardless of whether they're gardening with us or not.

Why a community garden? It is a way to further UPC's commitment to addressing hunger in our community. ("For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat ..." [Matthew 25:35]; "So Ruth went out and gleaned in the field behind the reapers . . ." [Ruth 2:3].)

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will be having a special congregational meeting on Sunday, April 3rd. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on nominations for Elders and Deacons, to review and approve last year's congregational meeting minutes as well as those of our last meeting, and to vote on nominations for the nominating committee.

From the Rising of the Sun 670

(Psalm 113)

From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down
of the same, the name of the Lord shall be
praised. From the ris - ing of the sun to the
go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be
praised. So praise ye the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord. From the
ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same,
the name of the Lord shall be praised.

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I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
shad - ows of the night; I will be your light.
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
all will know my name. (to Refrain)
up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain All

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I
love you and you are mine." 4 "I

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures
 of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal
 which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
 sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-
 where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7
 Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show
 us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.
 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'
 feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Fine
to Refrain