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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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 28th, 2025

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** As the Deer #626

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God of contentment...

All: We give You thanks for many of us have what we need.

One: You have provided so much for us! We don't need the newest phone, gadget, or clothes...

All: Forgive us Holy God, for there are those among us and in our community who don't have what they need.

One: May we be an answer to prayer, providing what is needed to those who struggle.

All: Let us be Your son Jesus' hands and feet and forgive us for not meeting the needs in front of us.

One: Forgive us Holy God, for not being content with what you've given.

All: Give us peace when the world tells us we need more. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***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** God Is So Good #658

CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS Kirsten Standen

Old Testament Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

Sermon The Void Filled By Things: Contentment
Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament 1 Timothy 6: 6-12, 17-19

***HYMN** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian #729

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION Jackie Pananen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** God, We Honor You #709

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who has given us so much, we give You thanks. You provide for us when we have very little. You call us to be content and provide for 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 live Your "YES!" towards all people. Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

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.

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

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION DINNER

Reminder that we have our celebration dinner coming up on October 12. Today is the last day to get your RSVP in for the dinner. If you can't find the one you got in the mail, there are blank ones available at the table as you walk into the narthex. Please make sure to get yours filled out and placed in the bag! Thank you—Stewardship Committee.

ANTENNA HIKE

The Antenna Farm hike is today (rescheduled from last week) and will start at JoAnn's house located at 705 West 9th Street Duluth, MN. The trail is located across the street and plenty of parking is available on the road. We will meet at 1:00 and there will be a BBQ to follow.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

UPC will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 26 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Never heard of a trunk-or-treat? A trunk-or-treat is a Halloween activity where folks decorate their cars and gather in a parking lot to hand out candy to children in a safe atmosphere (typically at schools or churches). A sign up sheet is in the narthex if you would like to host a trunk, or you can contact the office. We also are gladly accepting donations of candy for the event. Please drop your donations off at the UPC office on or before October 24.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

We will be collecting our Peace & Global Witness Offering next Sunday, October 5.

CRAFTERS GROUP

Greetings creative and crafty people of UPC! If you are thinking about making items for the upcoming Bazaar on Nov. 1st, please come into the craft room on any Wednesday to check out our stash of fabrics and yarn! We have lots of Christmas fabric, plus other things that might catch your eye! Especially if you are looking for smaller pieces. Any of the crafters would be thrilled to give you a tour!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

91:1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, **2** will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." **3** For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence; **4** he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense. **5** You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day **6** or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday. **14** Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. **15** When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. **16** With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Timothy 6: 6-12, 17-19

6:6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, **7** for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, **8** but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. **9** But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. **11** But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. **12** Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. **17** As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **18** They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, **19** thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August. 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! You will serve with a Nursery Coordinator once or twice a month (your choice). 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 during Children's Church! This takes place during the Sunday service. You can volunteer once or twice a month (your choice). 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 Burris 304-890-2375.
- Trunk-or-Treat*—Sunday, October 26 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the church parking lot. Questions or want to learn more? Contact the office.
- UPC Christmas Baskets*—It is Christmas basket season! If you know a family that could use a Christmas basket and would like to nominate them the forms are in the narthex. Please return forms by Sunday, October 5th. Contact the office with any questions.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!
- Men's Breakfast—First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at Superior Family Restaurant. Questions? Contact Tom Lisak at 218-348-5390.
- 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.
- Antenna Farm Hike—Today (rescheduled from last week) at 1:00 PM. We will meet at JoAnn's house and there will be a BBQ to follow. Contact Debbie Bergstrom at 218-269-4679 with any questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/28

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
Coffee Hour
11:15 AM Leaders Meeting
1:00 PM Antenna Farm Hike

TUESDAY 9/30

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:00 PM Bell Choir

THURSDAY 10/2

3:30 PM Piano Lessons

SATURDAY 10/4

9:00 AM Men's Breakfast

MONDAY 9/29

2:30 PM Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY 10/1

9:30 AM PW Meeting
10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Staff meeting
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:00 PM Piano Lessons
4:30 PM Deacons Meeting
6:00 PM Book Club

FRIDAY 10/3

Birthdays This Week

9/29—Rev. Brett Foote
9/29—Chuck LeMieux
9/30—Laura Foote
9/30—Butch Gronquist
10/1—Carsen Johnson
10/1—Abby Willmore
10/2—Tyler Brue
10/3—Jeff Skoraczewski
10/4—Cierra Kiel
10/4—Nathan Peterson

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>

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As the Deer

As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my
soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.
You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone
may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

God Is So Good

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1 God is so good; God is so good;
2 God cares for me; God cares for me;
3 God loves me so; God loves me so;
4 God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.
God cares for me; God's so good to me.
God loves me so; God's so good to me.
God is so good; God's so good to me.

709 God, We Honor You

God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.

God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.

Take what we bring, of - fered to you.

Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me

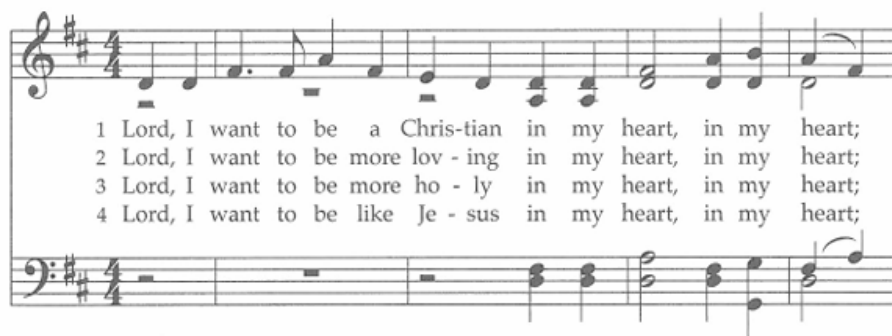
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1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

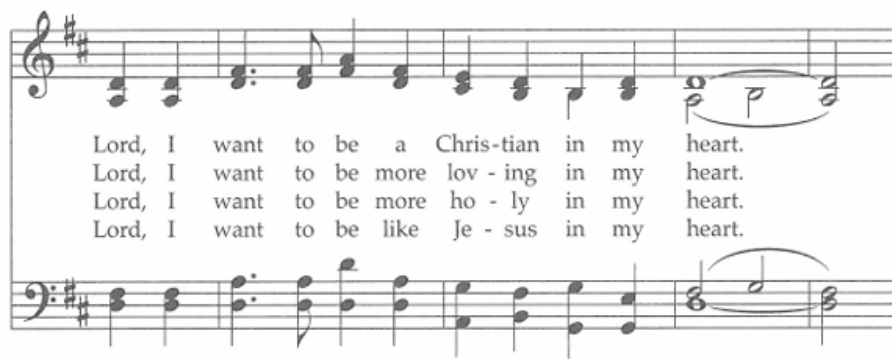
move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



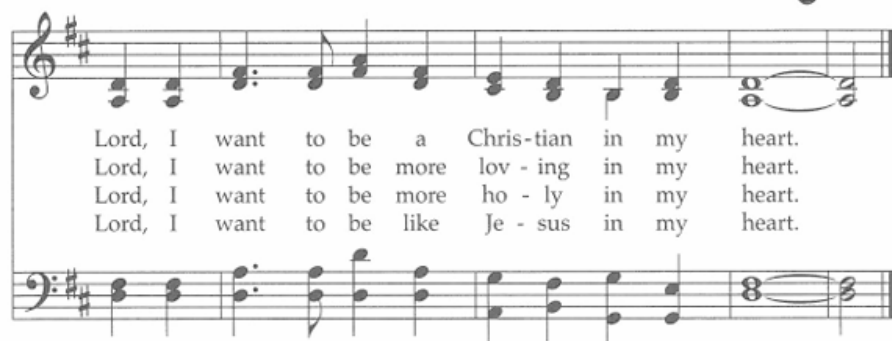
1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.



In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.