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<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

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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Online Worship

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17th, 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
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alex Sandor

***INTROIT Seek Ye First**

#175

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 132)**

One: O Lord, remember us in our favor, for all the hardships we've endured;

All: Remember How we've sworn to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob.

One: We will not sleep or slumber until we have a spot for you to live with us.

All: Even you God, rest. May we rest in you and may that shape us;

One: God has chosen Zion. God has made an oath.

All: God will abundantly bless the city's provisions; God will satisfy its poor with bread. Its priests God will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy.

***HYMN Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #611**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ADORATION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who calls us to more than a checklist of faith, we praise you for how you shape us. We praise you for how you call us to live and bring your kingdom from heaven to earth, from you to us. God, at times we miss the point of what you command. We read "live like this" in scripture and confess that we think it is about behavior modification and not about soul transformation. We confess to making checklists about how someone should follow your son Jesus. We confess to the sins of prejudice. Forgive us for not recognizing what you are doing in and through us. Forgive us for our prejudice. Transform us, our church, and our community. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Mosab Abu Toha wrote in a fragment of his poem *my grandfather and home*: "i wish i were with you grandpa/ i would have taught myself to write you/ poems volumes of them and paint our home for you/ i would have sewn you from soil/ a garment decorated with plants/ and trees you had grown/ i would have made you/ perfume from the oranges/ and soap from the skys tears of joy/ couldnt think of something purer/ i go to the cemetery every day/ i look for your grave but in vain/ are they sure they buried you/ or did you turn into a tree/ or perhaps you flew with a bird to the nowhere/ i place your photo in an earthenware pot/ i water it every monday and thursday at sunset/ i was told you used to fast those days/ in ramadan i water it every day/ for thirty days/ or less or more/ how big do you want our home to be/ i can continue to write poems until you are satisfied/ if you wish i can annex a neighboring planet or two/ for this home i shall not draw boundaries/ no punctuation marks"

Toba gives us a snapshot of his life mourning the death of and remembering his grandfather. He speaks of his grandfather's faith, how he faithfully fasted during ramadan, and on Mondays and Thursdays. Mosab recounts how he waters an earthenware pot with a picture of his grandfather in it only on days he used to fast but during Ramadan he does it each of the 30 days of Ramadan, sometimes less or sometimes more. There is freedom and flexibility in this practice, the point is he is remembering his loved one and his devotion to his faith. Mosab teaches us that we too can have a freeform faith that is built around the Spirit of

remembrance and transformation, not on behavior modification. Sometimes more is required of our faith, sometimes less, the point is ensuring we are faithful. The good news is that even when our faith becomes a checklist we can trust that God is still at work in our lives. Living. Moving. Changing. 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, "**Christ be with you.**" In response you may say "**And also with you!**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. In person, say hello to others and connect. Please minimize contact.)

RESPONSE (Children please come forward at this time):

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's Got the Wind and the Rain in His Hands

He's Got Everybody in His Hands

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Laura Foote

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading

**Donna Okash
Luke 14:1-6**

SERMON "Throw Out Your Checklist: Letter Vs. Spirit"

Old Testament Reading

**Rev. Brett M Foote
Amos 8:3-6,9-11**

***HYMN Spirit Open My Heart**

#692

***NICENE CREED**

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**OFFERING
MOMENT FOR MISSION**

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE For the Life that You Have Given**

**Alex Sandor
#717**

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of transformation, 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 love alongside our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of your gifts and may we be loving neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others.

May we live with your mercy and grace. Help us to serve our community in tangible ways so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know your love and grace. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

Prayers to be Shared Please email or call 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; 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** What a Friend We Have in Jesus #465

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 14:1-6

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?' But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. Then he said to them, 'If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?' And they could not reply to this.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 8:3-6,9-11

The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,'

says the Lord God;

'the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!'

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,

and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, 'When will the new moon be over

so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,

and practise deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

On that day, says the Lord God,

I will make the sun go down at noon,

and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning,

and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins,

and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son,

and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,

when I will send a famine on the land;

not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,

but of hearing the words of the Lord.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 7/17

10:00 AM Morning Worship

6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 7/18

TUESDAY 7/19

10 AM Pickleball

3-7 PM Piano Lessons

6 PM Softball @ Wicklund Field

Pizza in the Park following Softball Game

WEDNESDAY 7/20

1 PM Caregiver Conversations

2-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 7/21

7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 7/22

1 PM UPBeat Deadline

SATURDAY 7/23

Birthdays This Week

7/17 Nick Long

7/18 Kaylee Johnson

7/19 Elsie Hicks

7/21 Nathaniel Fuller

7/22 Ashton Cairns

LOOKING AHEAD

July 19

July 22

Pizza in the Park

UPBeat Deadline

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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

We are currently encouraging masking. There is no longer a hiatus on eating together. Session will continue to monitor the situation through the Public Health Department of Douglas County.

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.

LITURGIST & COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

There are two sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex, one to sign up to host our coffee hours following the service, and one where you can sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship services. These are both great opportunities to get involved with the church!

COMMUNITY GARDEN GOING STRONG; COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The UPC Community Garden is going strong! Crops are springing up apace, and fencing has recently been erected around our various garden containers to keep the critters away from them. Take a look when you're at church. With all that in mind, the Garden Committee is looking to expand so that all these efforts are well supported. If you are interested in helping with this year's gardening and in planning for next year's, please consider joining us. We meet on the first Monday of each month (except July) at 4 pm (but would be open to moving the meeting time if a new member could not meet then). Not sure if you want to join? Contact Deborah Schlacks at 218-348-6032 or at desertswan@aol.com for more information, or come to our next meeting (Monday, August 1 at 4 pm) to find out more.

CSA FOODS

If you're looking for fresh, local veggies, meat, breads, and cheeses, look no further than Bayfield CSA Foods! Bayfield CSA drops off boxes of fresh food shares from a variety of local farmers every Wednesday, where they can be picked up right here at the church! Simply sign up online at the link below, pick a box type, pickup frequency, and put in United Presbyterian Church as the pickup location. Pickup is from 2-6 PM on Wednesday. Link to sign up: <https://www.harvie.farm/profile/bayfield-foods>

SOFTBALL

Softball season is here! If you are looking for a fun way to get to know others, come out and join us this summer for softball! If you would like more information, connect with Laura after the service, or by sending an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

The softball game scheduled for July 12th got rained out. Our next game will be July 19th at Wicklund Field vs Bayside. Following this game, there will also be Pizza in The Park (Billings Park)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are ready for donations for the summer! We are currently accepting: **toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, chapstick, lotion, floss, deodorant, etc.), canned/sealed food items that are not expired, water bottles, sunscreen, hats and/or visors, and sunglasses.** Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you!

SUMMER BONFIRES

Every 2nd Thursday of the month this summer we will be having a bonfire at Girl Scout Point in Billings Park (aka the big fire pit overlooking the river). Come join us for s'mores, food, singing around the fire, and games! Bring a friend or two or three! If the weather isn't all that good we will gather in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for our last gathering of the summer on August 11 at 5:30p and come on out. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Laura by sending an e-mail to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

SUPERIOR REBUILD PROJECT PT.1

We have a Superior Rebuild project opportunity for the whole family on Tuesday, July 26 doing Demo work at 5630 Ogden Avenue @ 9:00 a.m! The work will consist of tearing down a deck. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Any member of the church is welcome to join us no matter their skill level. There will be plenty of work especially for students and young adults. We will have several skilled volunteers working with us to ensure everyone is safe and pointing their noses in the right direction. Be on the lookout for a Pt. 2 date where we construct a set of stairs and a landing from the back of the house. Come get your hands dirty and put your faith into action! If you have any questions please reach out to Pastor Brett.

OUR SABBATH MONTH & CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK

United, as a reminder we will be taking the month of July off from all committee meetings as a concerted effort to rest as a church. This will culminate with a church wide potluck in Billings Park at Pavilion 1 on Thursday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a plate, utensils, and cup as well as a dish or dessert to share. Some food and snacks (as well as backup utensils and plates) will be provided by the church. We will have Cornhole and a few others games to be played as well. We hope to see everyone there. Last years potluck was amazing and we are hoping for a great time again.

Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

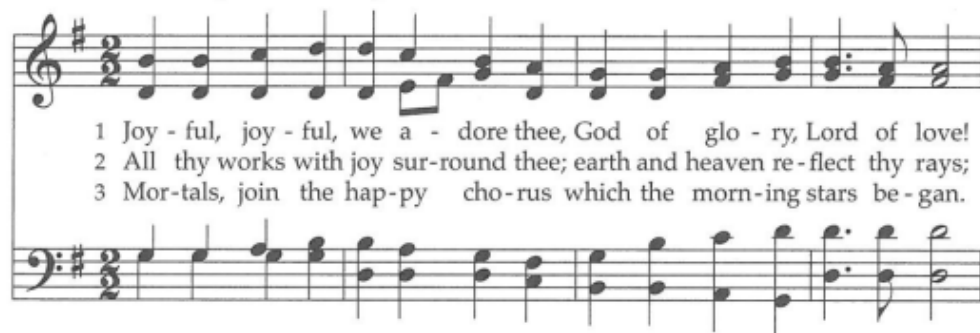
al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

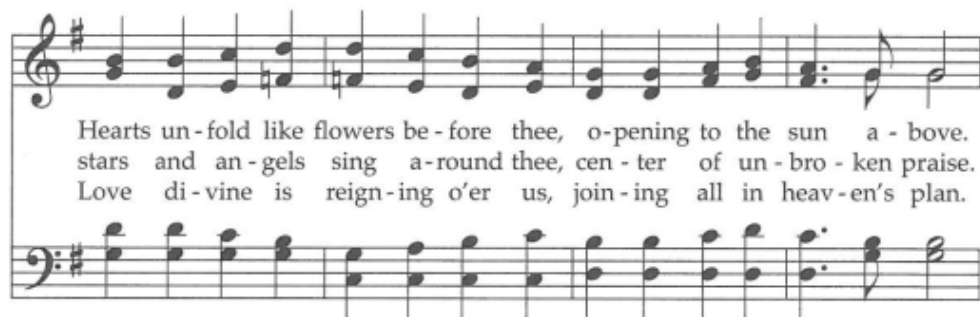
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Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

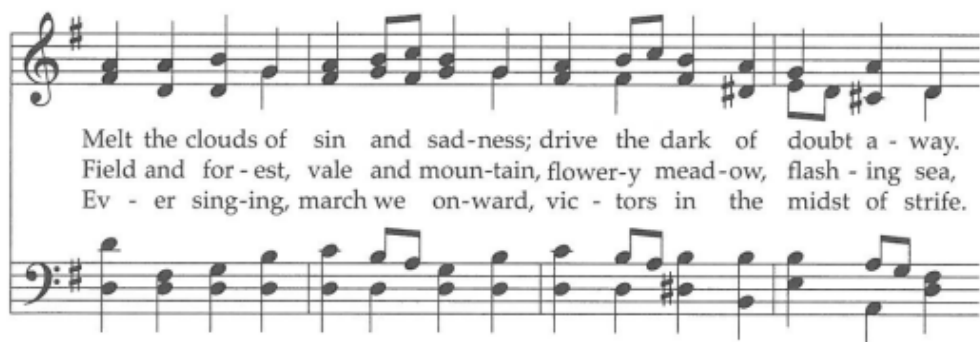
611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



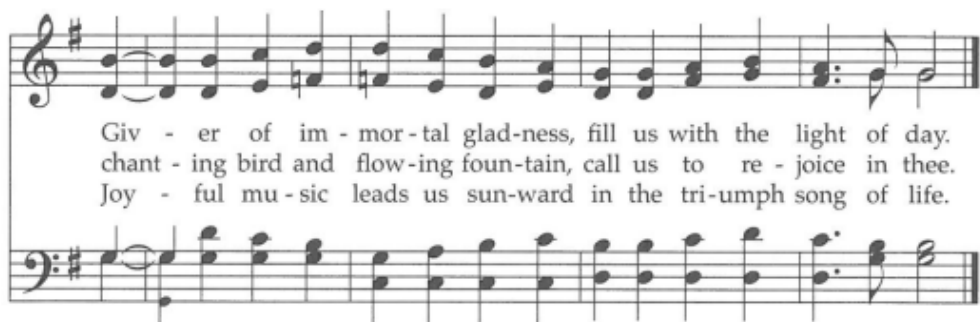
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
 F B^b F B^b C7

Refrain




Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
 Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm




liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
 F B^b Gm7 F B^b F




and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

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




1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
 C7 Dm F/C B^b C7



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
 Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b



to Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - fei; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all - be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.