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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.

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Online Worship

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16th, 2025

10:00 AM

If you are 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: Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness #657

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: God of the meek and mild.

All: You promise to be near the poor and the poor in spirit.

One: You promise to fill the hungry and those who hunger for righteousness.

All: Forgive us, whether in word, mind or spirit for believing that you have blessed only those whose bellies and banks are full.

One: Forgive us almighty God for in our circumstances, we don't always feel your blessing or presence.

All: At times we don't trust you and we seek a firmer foundation elsewhere.

One: Help us to proclaim...

All: That in all times and places, in every season and song, every time we break bread or miss a meal, in our wanting and in our satisfaction, you are there making all things new. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God is good, even when there's very little good that you or I have done. God is just. God is full of grace. God is merciful. God will always forgive those who come in repentance...even before the words are on our lips.

All: Because of Christ and his birth, life, death, and resurrection 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." 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 I've Got Peace like a River #623

BELL CHOIR Be of Good Cheer John 16:33 (KJV)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jackie Pananen

Old Testament Jeremiah 17: 5-10

SERMON Why Not Both? Who God Really Blesses
Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Luke 6: 17-26

*HYMN We Praise You, O God #612

MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

*RESPONSE We Give Thee but Thine Own (vs 1) #708
We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who fills the hungry and "blesses our socks off", take all that we offer you, our time, talents, and treasures and grow them for your kingdom. Help us to live openhanded lives sharing the gift of our lives with others. Move in us so that we may center the voices of those on the margins. Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. We want others to experience an overflow of blessings too! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Lift Every Voice and Sing #339

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Alex Sandor

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 6: 17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

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

COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our free Community Dinner today at 4pm. This month, we will be serving chili, corn bread, carrots & celery, and cherry pineapple dump cake. If you would like to volunteer to help with set up or serving, any and all assistance would be welcomed!

WIFI

If you are looking to connect to the WiFi at the church, you can scan the QR code in the narthex for access.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 2/16

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
Coffee Hour
4:00 PM Community Dinner
6:00 PM Volleyball

TUESDAY 2/18

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

THURSDAY 2/20

10:00 AM *The Chosen*— Viewing & Discussion
10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Kickstarters Soccer
6:15 PM Session Meeting

SATURDAY 2/22

MONDAY 2/17

3:30 PM Piano Lessons
6:01 PM Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 2/19

10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:30 PM Piano Lessons

FRIDAY 2/21

2:00 PM Janet Heckman Service

Birthdays This Week

2/16— John Gephart
2/16— Doug Standen
2/17— Kelsi Evenstad
2/21— Joel Johnson

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.
- Community Dinner— Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August.
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp— Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee.
- Community Garden— Help plan and carry out the UPC Community Garden project, which provides vegetables for UPC Community Dinners and Great Lakes Elementary students.
- 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). *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). *A background check is required.*

Ways To Learn, Grow, & Get Involved

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball— Every Sunday at 6:00 PM.
- Spiritual Formation Small Groups*— We will be journeying through *A Good Enough Lent* and meet for six weeks during Lent. More details and sign-up forms are on the table in the narthex.

657 Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

(Psalm 147)

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (D)
Refrain F Dm Gm7 C F

Sing to God, with joy and glad - ness, hymns and

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (Bm) (Em7)
Dm Gm7 F Dm Gm7

psalms of grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise

(A) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (D)
C F Dm Gm7 F *Fine*

dis - cov - er that to wor - ship God is good.

(Bm) (Em7) (A) (F#) (G)
Dm Gm7 C A Bb

1 God u - nites the scat - tered peo - ple, gath - ers
2 Such is God's great power and wis - dom, none can
3 God with clouds the sky has cur - tained, thus en -
4 God's dis - cern - ment nev - er fa - vors strength or

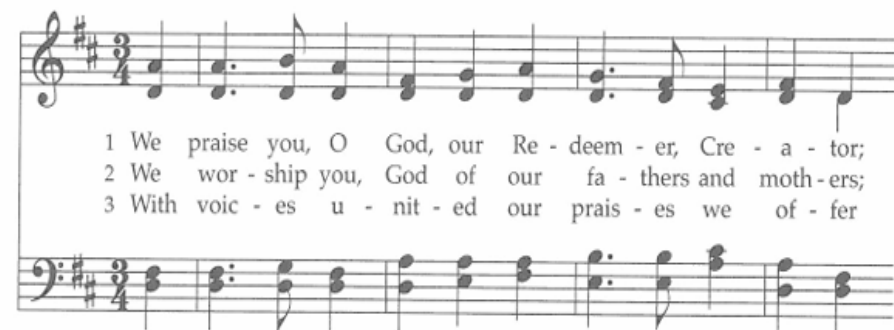
(Em) (F#) (F#7) (Bm) (Em7) (A)
Gm A A7 Dm Gm7 C

those who wan - dered far, heals the hurt and bro - ken
cal - cu - late or tell; keen is God to ground the
sur - ing rain shall fall; earth, re - spond - ing, grows to
speed to lift or move; God de - lights in those who

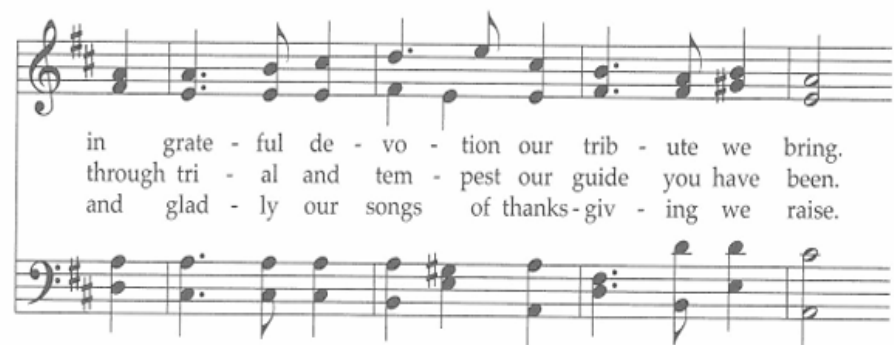
(D) (G) (Em7) (A) *to Refrain*
F Bb Gm7 C (D)
F

spir - its, tend - ing ev - ery wound and scar.
wick - ed and with hum - ble folk to dwell.
or - der food for crea - tures great and small.
wor - ship, trust - ing in God's stead - fast love.

We Praise You, O God 612



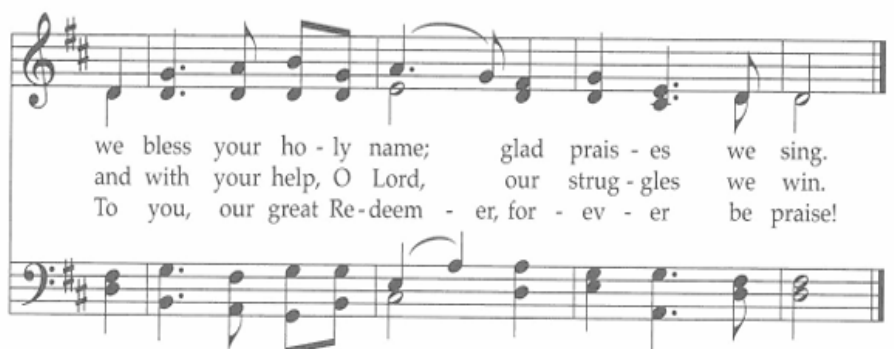
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

623 I've Got Peace like a River



1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun - tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

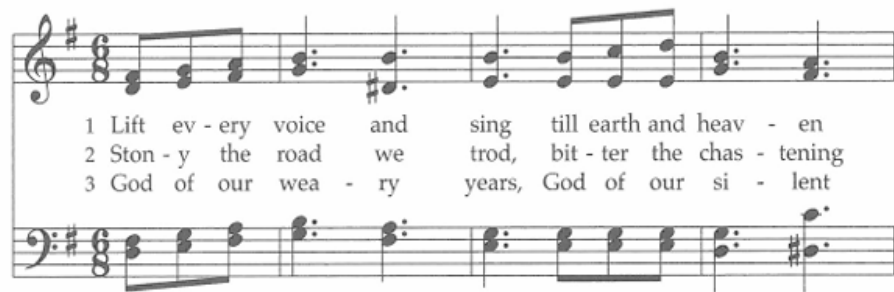


1
 riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun - tain; I've got joy like a foun - tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

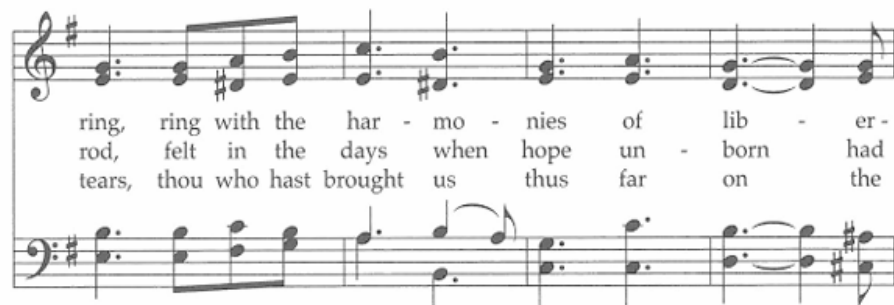


2
 soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun - tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing



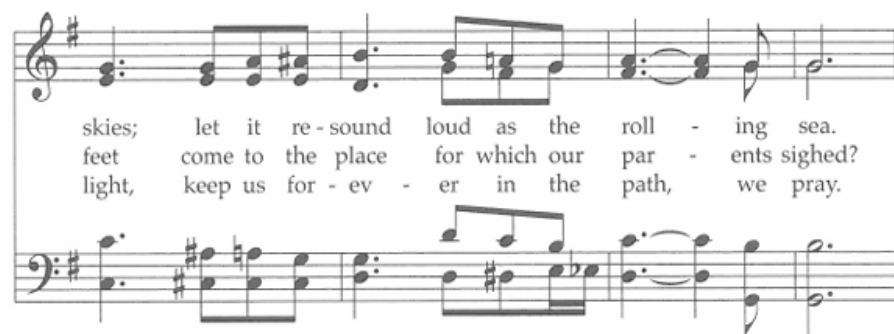
1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent



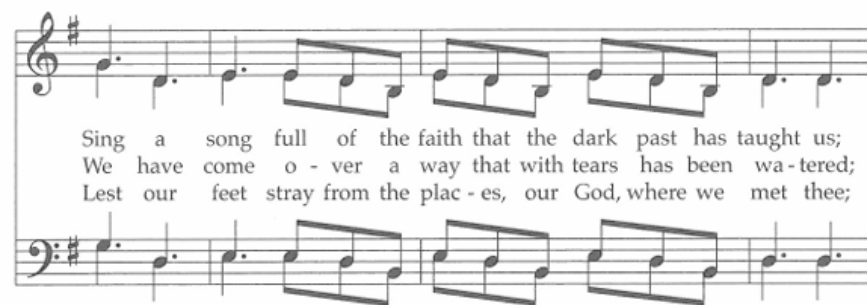
ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the



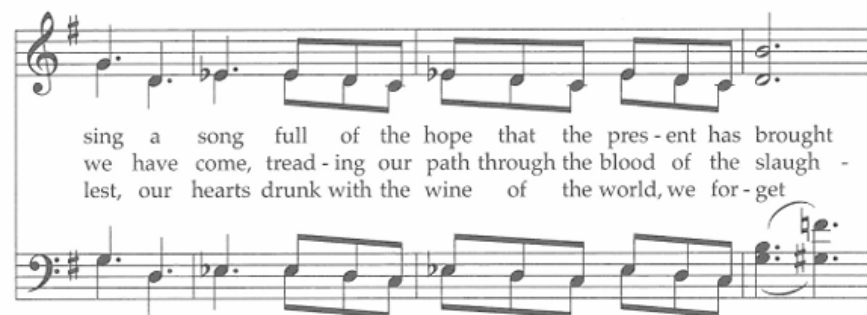
ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the



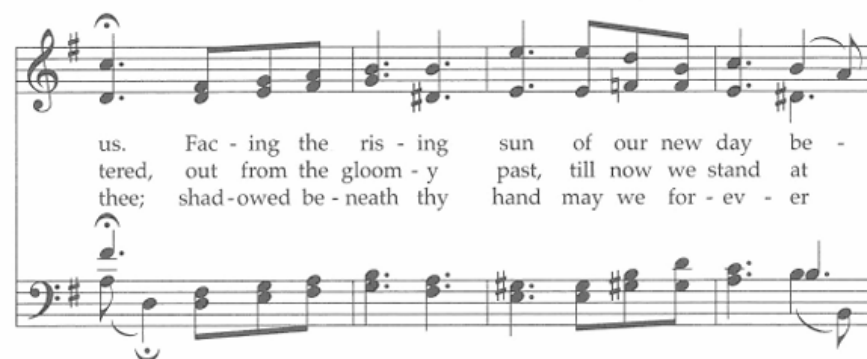
skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get



us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er



gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.