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HELPFUL TO KNOW

If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship service live, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:

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

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2022

10:00 a.m.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT Sanctuary (2x) #701

#43

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 46)

One: Be still and know that I am God. All: Be still and know that I am. One: Be still and know that I. All: Be still and know that.

One: Be still and know. All: Be still and. One: Be still.

All: Be. Amen.

*HYMN

On Eagle's Wings PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of the great reversals, we praise you that this world is not "it." We praise you that you lift up the lowly and the cast aside. We praise you that being broke is not a sin. We give thanks that you care for us. We confess our trust in: money, success, power, abilities, and items over you as sin. We confess the times when we have ignored those in need, when that has been ourselves or others as sin. Forgive us all this and more. Help us to love you and those made in your image. Help us to live the reversal! May we feel your joy. In the name of Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: ...Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and especially his 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.)

RESPONSE (Choir will lead, congregation respond) Children please come forward at this time

> I Will Call upon the Lord #621

Laura Foote TIME WITH CHILDREN

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM Rain Down

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people. Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Old Testament Reading Jackie Pananen Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

SERMON "The Last Shall Be First & Great Reversals"

Rev. Brett M Foote New Testament Reading Luke 16:19-31

*CONFESSION OF BELHAR (Abridged by Pastor Brett)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. This unity between people and God must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN **Canticle of the Turning** #100

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Alex Sandor OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE For the Life That You Have Given #717

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of the upside down kingdom, 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. May all those in liminal spaces find in us good friends and companions on the journey. 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 wisdom. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior. Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know your endless and boundless joy. 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 Praver **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 Go, My Children, with My Blessing #547

*BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them,

NEW TESTAMENT READING

and show them my salvation.

Luke 16:19-31

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 9/25

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Morning Worship Coffee Hour—Susan Litehiser Mission Committee—After worship 6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 9/26

4 PM Piano Lessons 6 PM Cub Scouts 7:30 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 9/27

3:45 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Roast Beef Dinner Pastor Out—Vacation

WEDNESDAY 9/28

2-6 PM CSA Pickup
3:45 PM Piano Lessons
Pastor Out—Vacation

THURSDAY 9/29

UPBeat Mailing
7 PM AA Meeting
Pastor Out—Vacation

FRIDAY 9/30

Pastor Out—Vacation

SATURDAY 10/1

6 PM AA Speaker Meeting Pastor Out—Vacation

Birthdays This Week

9/26 Ron Hicks
9/27 Nick Cairns
9/27 Maryjane Burdge
9/29 Chuck LeMieux
9/29 Rev. Brett Foote
9/30 Laura Foote
9/30 Howard Gronquist
10/1 Carsen Johnson
10/1 Abby Willmore

LOOKING AHEAD

September 27 October 8 Harvest Home Dinner Scouts Spaghetti Dinner

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.

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!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is staffed 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Come meet Iris, our Nursery Coordinator, and bring your young ones to play during the service! 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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Time with Children portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith. Children's Church will take place in the Youth room which is next to the Nursery. Children's Church will begin on October 9.

CONFIRMATION

Our 2022-2023 Confirmation class will begin on October 30! Our first meeting will be an introduction for students, parents and grandparents to learn more about what our journey will entail. Students currently and not currently attending UPC are welcome to join. If you have any questions or know of a student who may be interested in joining this year please reach out to Laura after the service or by sending an e-mail to: lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

SECOND SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Starting on October 9 there will be a Bible study for our high school students. We will meet in the Youth room after the service on every... you guessed it... second Sunday. Don't worry, we'll have snacks for any grumbling bellies.

GET TO KNOW UNITED

If you've been curious to get to know who we are and what we are about at United, Pastor Brett will be leading a group for this very purpose soon. Date is TBD. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

COME JOIN US!

The Bell Choir is looking for a new member. If you would like to join this great group, please contact Jane. Also, the Chancel Choir has empty seats. We'd love to fill them all and add more. Please give it a try. Show up for practice at 8:45 Sunday morning!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: mittens, hats, scarves, hand warmers, coats, toiletry items (toothbrushes, toilet paper, bars of soap, etc.), and non-liquid, sealed food items. Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you for your donations!

<u>FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH EVENTS AND INFORMATION</u> <u>Pickleball every Tuesday from 4-6PM.</u> Come join the fun!

Volleyball will start-up October 2nd. This year we will be playing every Sunday from 12:30-2:30 PM in the church gym.

FALL FLING BAZAAR

The Presbyterian Women are planning their church wide Fall Fling Bazaar for Saturday, November 5, 2022. The hours will be from 9am-2pm. Our little Cafe will offer coffee and treats for sale throughout the day. Mark your calendars and begin to knit, craft or bake up a storm! Please bring your "bazaar" items to church the day before the sale, Friday, November 4th. We'll begin to set up the bazaar at 9am, Friday and welcome your help.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

On Sunday, October 9, at 4 PM, a Blessing of the Animals service will be held in the UPC parking lot (weather permitting). Light refreshments will be provided.

All are welcome to bring their furry friends to be blessed. However, please consider how your pet interacts with new people and other pets before opting to have them join you for the service.

Blessing of the Animals celebrations are typically held on or near October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. One of the many things St. Francis is remembered for is his love for animals and nature.

Rain location: UPC Fellowship Hall

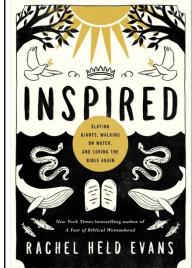
HARVEST HOME DINNER

The Harvest Home Roast Beef Dinner will take place *THIS TUESDAY* from 4-6:30 PM. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$5 for children ages 5-10. Children under the age of 5 are free. The menu consists of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, rutabagas, bread and butter, green beans, coleslaw, beet pickles, pumpkin bars, and a beverage. Take out will be available. We hope to see you there!

Also, it is not too late to sign up to help out! Please speak to Cathy Hecht if you would like to volunteer to help!

PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge cards have been sent out. Please keep your eye out for them and turn them in as soon as you are able. Our goal is to have all pledge cards collected by October 30th so we can get our budget rolling for 2023!



If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she embarked on a journey to better understand what the Bible is and how it's meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it can change you, too.

Evans knows firsthand how a relationship with the Bible can be as real and as complicated as a relationship with a family

member or close friend. In Inspired, Evans explores contradictions and questions from her own experiences with the Bible, including:

If the Bible was supposed to explain the mysteries of life, why does it leave the reader with so many questions? What does it mean to be chosen by God? To what degree did the Holy Spirit guide the preservation of these narratives, and is there something sacred to be uncovered beneath all these human fingerprints? If the Bible has given voice to the oppressed, why is it also used as justification by their oppressors?

Drawing on the best in biblical scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, and even a short screenplay.

Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages and unafraid to ask the hard questions, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating the mysteries surrounding Scripture. Discover alongside Evans that the Bible is not a static text, but a living, breath-

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Starting the week of October 2nd!

Hello UPC!

A Spiritual Formation Committee was assembled to create bible studies for you! We are excited to start off all of our groups with a book study called "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans. Because we know you are all very busy, we are providing multiple bible studies throughout the week with the hopes that everyone who wishes to join in and grow in their relationships with God, their faith, and each other will be able to do so.

Bible Study groups will meet weekly at the same time. The start week of these groups will be October 2nd and run through the second week of December. A majority of our groups will be meeting in homes with a host family. One (possibly more) group will be a floating group which will meet around town at pubs, restaurants, and coffee shops.

We are aiming to keep groups intimate with no more than 10-12 people in each group. If one date/time is really popular we will create another group for that date/time. To keep these groups intimate we are asking that you sign up for a group that you will be able to attend most regularly. This will allow groups to create a better connection and grow to share, pray, and wrestle with any confusing or difficult questions they have.

Sign up for Bible Study groups started last week and will run through Sunday, September 25th. Books will be provided to everyone who signs up. If you would like to donate to the cost of the book you may do so, but it is not required.

Let's Get Growing UPC!

Bible Study Sign Up Sheet

Please tear off the sign up below and put into offering plate OR contact the church during business hours

Name:		
Phone Number:		
Email:		
	(Circle One)	

a. Monday (5.7:30 pm) GROUP FULL

(Leaders: Acacia & Ephraim Nikoi, Hosts: Jackie & Cliff Pananen)

*No Animals, Host Location: Itasca

b. Tuesday (2:00 pm)

(Leader: Cheri & Marli Danielson, Hosts: Cathy & Dean Hecht)

- *Barrier Free & No Animals, Host Location: Superior East End/Near Church
- Wednesday (6:30-8:00 pm) (Leaders: Kate Long & JoAnn Rush, Host: Local Watering Holes)
- d. Thursday (6:30-8:00 pm)

(Leader: Jane Wester, Host: Christy & Jim Willmore)

*Hosts have cats and dogs, Host Location: By Superior Holiday Inn Express

None of these date/times work for me, but I am still interested in being part of a group. The following days/times work best for me. (Please Circle)

Monday	AM	MID	
Tuesday	AM		PM
Wednesday	AM	MID	
Thursday	AM	MID	
Friday	AM	MID	PM
Saturday	AM	MID	PM
Sunday	AM	MID	PM



Our Peace & Global Witness
Offering enables the church
to promote the peace of Christ
by addressing systems of injustice
in our own communities
and across the world.

Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

> IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



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Thank you, God for connecting us.

Thank you
for neighbors,
each with needs
and gifts
to share,
and for
our church,
the Whole Church,
together, and
for Jesus Christ,

Amen.





"I was thinking about how participating in Peace & Global Witness is so needed in our world now.

As a pastor and a Christian,
what I really appreciate about
the Special Offerings that have
the national, international and local
component is that they really do make it possible for us, as
a single congregation, to participate in this larger work that
we would not be able to do on our own. Then we get the
nudge to look at what's going on in our local community and
how we can be actively engaged and contributing there.

It's a wonderful balance and a new kind of challenge for us every time."

The Rev. Charlotte Lohrenz Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana



Faith Presbyterian Church uses their share of the Peace & Global
Witness Offering to support Indy TenPoint, a not for profit organization
in their community that works with young people to reduce gun
violence, stabilize neighborhoods and build better lives.

Peace

is doing, not waiting.

Peace begins

with each of us.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world — and right here at home.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. 25%

of this Offering goes to our mid council to join with other congregation gifts to support peacemaking work in our region. 50%

of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.



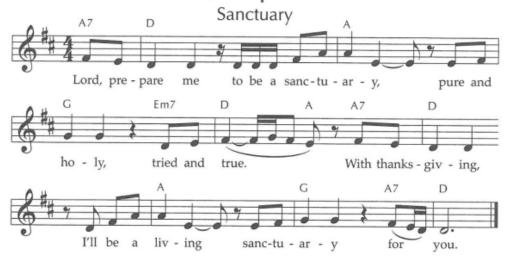
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IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

Thank you!

Lord, Prepare Me

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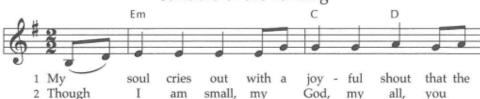


43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord





100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout Canticle of the Turning



3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



things that you bring the won - drous to ones who wait. depths of the past to the end the of age to be. his throne. tice ev - erv ty - rant from from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight ser - vant's plight, and my on your Your ver - y name puts the proud shame, and The hun - gry shall for the poor weep no more, This sav - ing that our fore - bears heard is the word



weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the food they can nev-er earn; there are ta-bles spread; ev-ery prom-ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

