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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) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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Online Worship

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30th, 2023

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT**

Make a Joyful Noise to God #54

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: Jesus, we trust in you. We give you thanks for all that you've gone through with us. We give you thanks that neither hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword or death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from your incredible love. Forgive us for when we think that anything in this life, especially our circumstances, can separate us from your love, O God. Remind us of your presence and heal us of the sin that so easily takes root in our lives and in the lives of our families. Amen.

***HYMN** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #366

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Once again, nothing. Absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. 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." In response you may say "And also with you!" (You may pass the peace in the comments section.)

***RESPONSE** He Came Down #137

SCRIPTURE READINGS Donna Okash
Old Testament Reading Genesis 29:15-28

SERMON "God Loved You First" Rev. Brett M Foote
New Testament Reading Romans 8:31-39

***HYMN** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #223

***APOSTLES CREED**

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** For the Life that You Have Given Alex Sandor #717

For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who loved us first and whom we can't be separated from, we come before you in worship asking for your blessing. A blessing so that we may be loving neighbors and fellow pilgrims. A blessing so that we might elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized. As we give of our time, talents, or treasures, may we represent your expansive love. Help us to let others know they are beloved. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, Summit and the rest of the Northland may know your "love that goes into the far country." 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** Go to the World! #295

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 7/30

Mission Trip

10:00 AM Morning Worship

6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 7/31

Mission Trip

UPBeat Mailing

10 AM—12 PM Piano Lessons

5:30—8 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 8/1

Mission Trip

10 AM Pickleball

4-7 PM Piano Lessons

4-5:30 PM National Night Out

6 PM Softball vs River 2—Wicklund Field

WEDNESDAY 8/2

Mission Trip

10 AM Pickleball

12 PM Staff Meeting

2-6 PM CSA Pickup

4 PM Deacons

6 PM Book Club

THURSDAY 8/3

Mission Trip

7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 8/4

Mission Trip

SATURDAY 8/5

Mission Trip

9 AM/10:30 AM Tubing

6 PM AA Speaker Meeting

Birthdays This Week

7/31 Lorriane Little

8/1 Jane Wester

8/2 Jay Hecht

8/3 Deja Anderson

LOOKING AHEAD

August 19

August 26

Corn Roast

Progressive Lunch

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>

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 29:15-28

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Join us for some tubing fun this Saturday, August 5th! A group will be meeting at the church at 9 AM to carpool to Jack's Canoe & Tube Rental in Trego (if you would prefer to drive yourself, aim to arrive around 10:30 AM). From there, we will embark on some tubing fun! We hope to see you there! The address is: N7504 Wagon Bridge Rd, Trego, WI 54888 Join us for pickleball every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday at 10:00 AM**.

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: hand sanitizer, toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, chapstick, lotion, floss, deodorant, etc.), and canned/sealed food items that are not expired. Please do not donate socks — we received a large donation and will be set for a while! Donations can be brought during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will resume on August 20. After the Passing the Peace 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 takes place in the Youth room, which is next to the Nursery.

PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

We had so much fun at our Softball BBQ! Thanks for all who showed up. We look forward to our next game on August 1st at Wicklund Field vs River 2!

GROWING THE ESSENTIA HOSPICE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We are looking for more amazing hospice volunteers for the following positions: Office support, companionship and caregiver respite, Solvay house volunteers, bereavement callers, skilled musicians, cribbage players, 11th hour support, seamsters and knitters. If you know of anyone who is interested in volunteering with Essentia Hospice, have them connect with us at hospiceduluthvs@essentiahealth.org or 218-786-4020.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating UPC's 25th Anniversary the evening of October 7th, at Barker's Island Inn. Plan on enjoying dinner and dessert with your United Family. More info to come this fall!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This Tuesday, August 1st, we will be celebrating National Night Out by serving ice cream to church members and neighbors out of the parking lot from 4-5:30 PM! National Night Out is a national community building campaign, meant to help us rediscover our communities in a healthy, fun way. We hope many of you will join us for some ice cream and time of fellowship! Chairs will be provided, though you are also welcome to bring your own.

SUPERIOR REBUILD FORMS

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with a large scale or small scale project, such as home repairs or upgrades, Superior Rebuild would like to help! There are forms available at the back of the narthex that can be filled out with details about the work that needs to be done. Once they are filled out, feel free to put them into the offering plate, mailbox, or in the office. You may also scan and email the form to the office if that is convenient for you.

CASDA VISIT

Desiree Otterino, the Housing First Program Coordinator at CASDA will be joining us again on August 6th for an Adult Education opportunity following the church service. To any who expressed interest in volunteering during her visit on Sunday, July 9th, there are volunteer applications available in the narthex or in the office.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

As the back to school ads appear, please look for the following items for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance School bags.

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tips)
- 3—70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages
- 1—30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1—hand-held pencil sharpener
- ~~6—new pencils with erasers (unsharpened)~~
- 1—large eraser
- 1—box of 24 crayons

We have the bags ready to be filled. You will also see bags hanging around the sanctuary. If you would like to sponsor a bag instead of going shopping for these items, you may put money into the bags around the sanctuary during the offering or moment for mission. Thank You!

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, July 28th, Douglas County is at a Low COVID-19 Community Level. At this level, the Session-approved guidelines recommend that our community members stay up to date on vaccinations, mask in spaces with older folks and other potentially immunocompromised individuals, and stay home when sick.

Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)

1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven - ly home.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

He Came Down

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He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

Leader: Why did he come?
have love; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

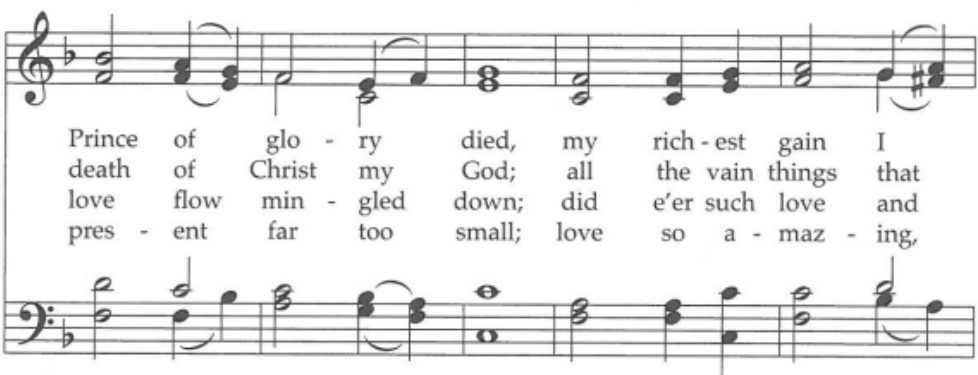
Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light
... that we may have peace
... that we may have joy

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



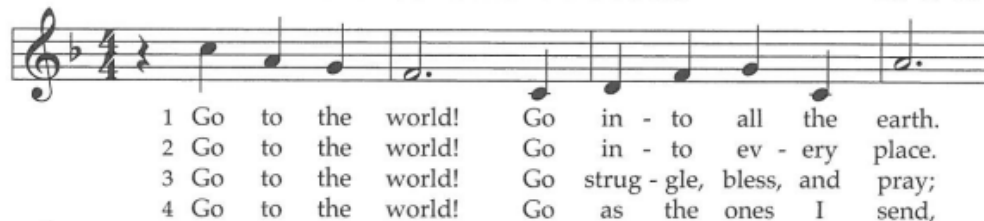
Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



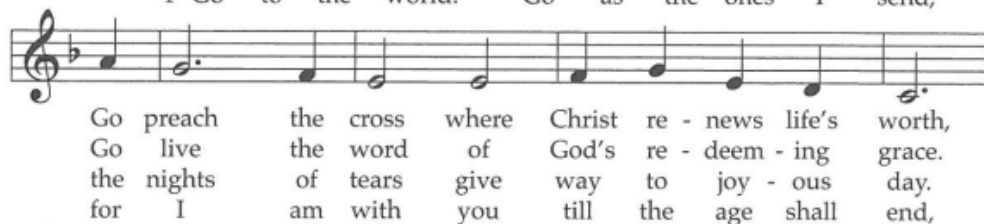
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Go to the World!

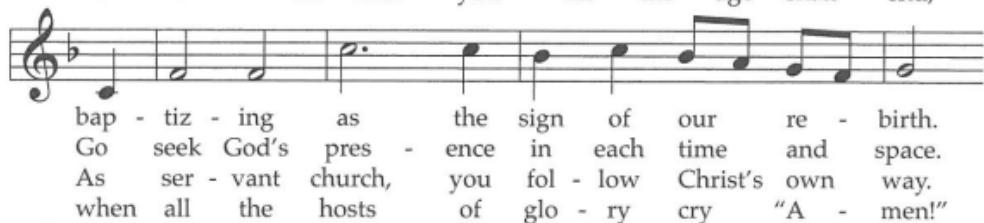
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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.