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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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23rd, 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**

Jesu, Jesu

#203

COMMISSIONING & CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Mission Team-
Asheville, NC

One: Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

**All: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

One: We are called by God
to be the church of Jesus Christ,
a sign in the world today
of what God intends for all humankind.

**All: The great ends of the Church are
the proclamation of the gospel
for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship
of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven
to the world.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

**All: God of the ones who got their lunch money taken and worse,
thank you for always being on the side of the bullied and not the
bully, the oppressed and not the oppressor. God of hope, we
praise you that while we aren't perfect you have called each and
every one of us, beloved. When we are bullies, forgive us. When
we oppress others or even ourselves, forgive us. When we jump to
accusations without considering your perspective, forgive us. Grant
us empathy. May we come to love others as you have loved us. In
Jesus' precious name, Amen.**

***HYMN**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

#69

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Adapted from the Iona Community's
confession and pardon.)**

One: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
To the ways I've wounded my life, the lives of others and the life of
the world.

**All: God forgives you, Christ renews you,
and the Spirit enables you to grow in love.**

One: Amen.

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grow in love.

All: 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 **Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (vs 1) x2**
#582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

**Deborah Schlacks
Jeremiah 17:5-13**

SERMON "Bullies & Writing Names In The Dust"
New Testament Reading

**Rev. Brett M Foote
John 7:53-John 8:11**

***HYMN**

Will You Let Me be Your Servant

#727

***CONFESSION OF BELHAR (Abridged by Pastor Brett)**

One: Let us affirm our faith together using this confession.

All: 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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE We Give Thee But Thine Own (vs. 1) #708**

We give thee but thine own,
whate'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 of the small, 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, Oulu 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 You Shall Go Out With Joy**

#80

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5-13 (NIV)

This is what the Lord says:

"Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the Lord.
That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;
they will not see prosperity when it comes.
They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.

They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit."

The heart is deceitful above all things
and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

"I the Lord search the heart
and examine the mind,

to reward each person according to their conduct,
according to what their deeds deserve."

Like a partridge that hatches eggs it did not lay
are those who gain riches by unjust means.

When their lives are half gone, their riches will desert them,
and in the end they will prove to be fools.

A glorious throne, exalted from the beginning,
is the place of our sanctuary.

Lord, you are the hope of Israel;

all who forsake you will be put to shame.

Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust
because they have forsaken the Lord,
the spring of living water.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 7/23

10:00 AM Morning Worship
10:15 AM Children's Church
6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 7/24

10 AM—12 PM Piano Lessons
5:30—8 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 7/25

10 AM Pickleball
4-7 PM Piano Lessons
6 PM Softball BBQ

WEDNESDAY 7/26

10 AM Pickleball
10 AM Crafters Group
2-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 7/27

7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 7/28

1 PM UPBeat Packing

SATURDAY 7/29

Birthdays This Week

7/24 Mary Jo Card
7/29 Sue Brittan

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 7:53-John 8:11 (NRSV)

Then each of them went home, while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

LOOKING AHEAD

July 31	UPBeat Mailing
July 30-August 6	Mission Trip

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

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 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 bring donations in 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

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. *There will be no Children's Church on July 30 and August 6.*

PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

UPC played hard but lost 14-10 vs Darrow Road. UPC had two 1-2-3 innings in the field! We are so proud of the UPC team. Thank you to Kjersten Lisak, who brought a cooler of Gatorade, as well as chips and cookies!

We look forward to the Softball BBQ next Tuesday, July 25th, at 6 PM.

OUR SABBATH MONTH & CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK

United, we will be taking the month of July off from all committee meetings as a concerted effort to rest as a church. Thank you to all who joined us for our Church Wide Potluck at Billings Park. We had lots of fun! Photographs taken by Beth Lisak.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

SUPERIOR REBUILD FORMS

If you or someone you know is in need of a 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 21st, 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.



203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
 Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

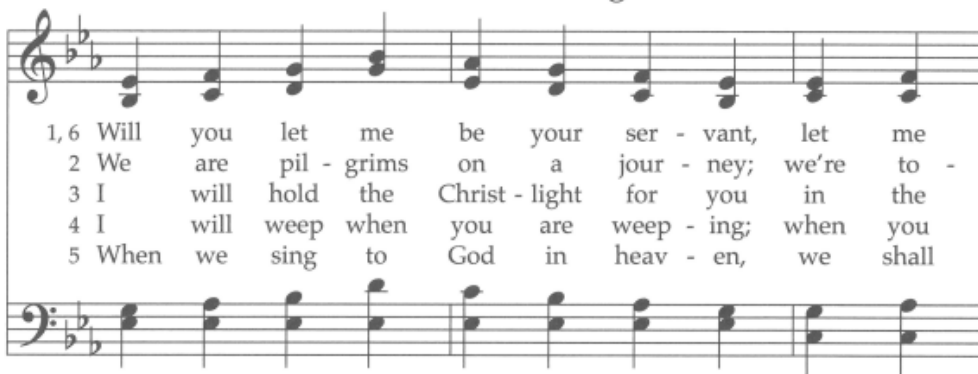
call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

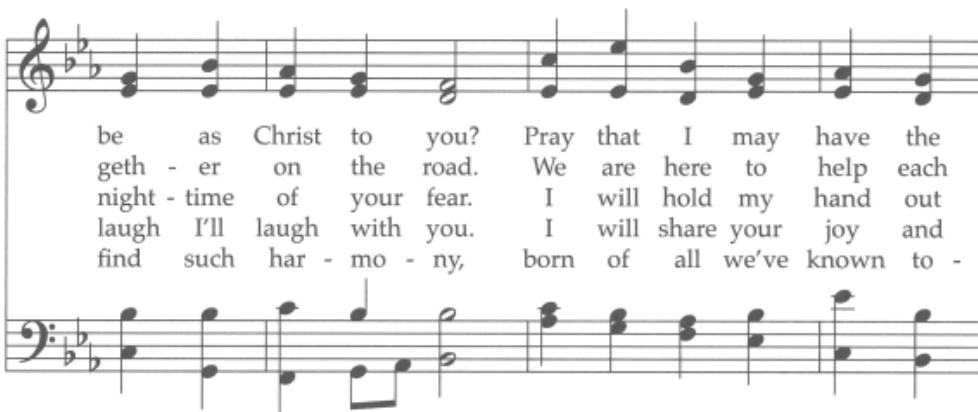
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
(repeat stanza 1)

You Shall Go Out with Joy

80

The Trees of the Field



You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the moun - tains and the hills will break forth be -
fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the
trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.