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NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before worship for children newborn–4 years old. After the Passing of the Peace, children ages 5 through 5th grade may meet at 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.

RIDE SHARE

Need a ride? Please check the bulletin board by the fire extinguisher in the narthex.

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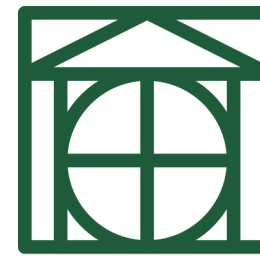
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Online Worship

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11th, 2026

10:00 AM



**A CONGREGATION OF THE
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* 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

CENTERING PRAYER

Pastor Ken

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23: The Message**

One: GOD, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

All: You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.

One: True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

All: Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side.

One: Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

All: You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.

One: You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

All: Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

***WELCOME & PRAISE Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

#611

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

One: Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, all, O God, are gifts of your grace. We gather to sing and to tell of your virtues in the midst of our neighbors. Your commandments are just; they give us direction. Your covenant encompasses us and in Christ knits us together. We give you all honor as we rejoice in your glory!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Christ we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor. (Rom. 5:8 & Heb. 4:16)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, in whom we live, and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins. We forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo. Free us from the past we cannot change. Heal what we can no longer fix. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength through Jesus Christ your Son. AMEN.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Hear the good news. This statement is true and should be universally accepted. Christ Jesus came into the world to rescue sinners. He personally bore our sin in his body on the cross so that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. Friends hear and believe the Good News: (I Tim 1:15 and I Pet. 2:24)

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***JOYFUL RESPONSE Take, O Take Me as I Am**

#698

UPC CHOIR

***THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*****You are invited to share the peace.*****

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:1-9

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-16

Sermon "What to Wear to the Banquet"

Pastor Ken

***HYMN Will You Come and Follow Me**

#726

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM: "A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH" (PCUSA)

One: **1** In life and in death we belong to God. **2** Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, **3** the love of God, **4** and the communion of the Holy Spirit, **5** we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, **6** whom alone we worship and serve. **7** We trust in Jesus Christ, **8** fully human, fully God. **9** Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: **10** preaching good news to the poor **11** and release to the captives, **12** teaching by word and deed **13** and blessing the children, **14** healing the sick **15** and binding up the brokenhearted, **16** eating with outcasts, **17** forgiving sinners, **18** and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. **19** Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, **20** Jesus was crucified, **21** suffering the depths of human pain **22** and giving his life for the sins of the world. **23** God raised this Jesus from the dead, **24** vindicating his sinless life, **25** breaking the power of sin and evil, **26** delivering us from death to life eternal. AMEN.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

Eric Schlacks

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / PASTORAL PRAYER

(After each say: *God in your mercy: hear our prayer*)

LORD'S PRAYER (Here's our suggested version, but feel free to pray the version you are most familiar with.)

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

One: It is the time in our service when we have the opportunity to give of our bounty to support Christ's ministry here and around the world. Let us give generously to further the work of building God's kingdom here, as it is in heaven.

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD **Denis Evstuhin**

***SUNG OFFERTORY RESPONSE** Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! (1x) **#390**

OFFERTORY PRAYER **Pastor Ken**

One: God, you have been gracious to us in more ways than we can count. We are grateful. We are trying to express our gratitude through our tithes and offerings. Use these gifts we offer, to further your reign here on earth as in heaven. AMEN.

***CLOSING HYMN** God of Grace and God of Glory **#307**

CLOSING PRAYER "Prayer of Good Courage" (from Holden Village)

All: O God you have called us, To ventures where we cannot see the end.
By paths never yet taken, through perils unknown. Grant us good courage, not knowing where we go, To know that your hand is leading us, Wherever we might go. AMEN.

BENEDICTION

Friends remember: You are God's beloved people. You are worthy. You are capable, and your life matters. Sharing that message with those who may not feel loved, worthy, capable, and that their lives don't matter, is the Ministry Jesus calls us to. So, *"Now to the One who is able to do immeasurably more than anything we can ask for, think of, or imagine. According to the power that is at work within us (right now-present tense) to (God) be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! AMEN."*

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:1-9

25:1 O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. **2** For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. **3** Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. **4** For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, **5** the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. **6** On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. **7** And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; **8** he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth for the Lord has spoken. **9** It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-16

22:1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: **2** "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. **3** He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. **4** Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' **5** But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, **6** while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. **7** The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. **8** Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. **9** Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' **10** Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. **11** "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, **12** and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. **13** Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' **14** For many are called, but few are chosen." **15** Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. **16** So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Our All Saints' Day worship will take place on Sunday, November 1st. We would love to remember any loved one who has passed in the last 12 months. Forms are available at the back of the narthex. Please return completed forms to the office or place them in the offering plate. Deadline for submitting names is Monday, October 26th.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

UPC will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 25 from 3-5pm. Trunk-or-treats allow children to participate in a Halloween activity in a safe environment. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you would like to host a trunk, or you can contact the office. Decorations and costumes are highly encouraged, though not required! We are gratefully accepting donations of candy for the event. Please drop your donations off at the UPC office on or before October 23.

NOTES FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Donation Station boxes are ready and waiting for **canned tomatoes** of any type. Diced, stewed, halved or quartered, seasoned, spiced or plain, they are all welcomed by the students at UWS.

- **Canned protein** of any type is also requested by UWS. This could be tuna, chicken, or SPAM. Store brands rather than name brands are absolutely accepted and thrifty shoppers always check sale prices!!
- This food drive will continue through the end of October. At that time we will begin working on Christmas Baskets!

Thank you for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAE

Stewardship Sundae is October 25 right after church. As we share ice cream, we can share how we will use our time, talents, and resources to carry out God's mission at UPC!

FALL FLING BAZAAR

Join us for this year's Fall Fling Bazaar on Saturday, November 7, from 9 AM to 1 PM! We'll have a coffee nook, handmade items, Christmas and Thanksgiving items, gift baskets, and much more. It's a great chance to shop and support our church community.

HIKE PATTISON PARK

After Coffee Hour today, we're heading to Pattison Park for a refreshing hike. Bring your energy and come enjoy the outdoors with us—everyone is welcome!

GREETING CARDS

Susan Litehiser is seeking donations of greeting cards. Please drop them off in the office. Thank you!

My name is Ken Ribe (pronounced Ree-bee) It's an old Norwegian name that comes from the family farmstead near Fevik, Norway where my father was born. I have been married to Sue for 52 years, and we have one daughter, Erica, married to Jerry Arne. They have one son named Gus, (11) a daughter named Logan (9) and a "golden doodle" named Cedar. I served churches in Nebraska, Iowa and in the Twin Cities in "called positions" and did "transitional ministry from 2004 to 2024, serving churches in Columbia Heights, LeSueur, St. Paul, Howard Lake, Grand Forks, ND Bemidji, MN, Chippewa Falls, WI. and Two Harbors, MN in that capacity. I also served the Presbytery of Northern Waters as part-time Presbyter for Pastoral Care, from 2018 until I retired again the end 2024.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 10/11

8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal
Coffee Hour—After Worship
Hike @ Pattison Park—After Coffee Hour

MONDAY 10/12

2:00 PM Piano Lessons
4:00 PM Finance Committee

TUESDAY 10/13

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
1:00 PM SF Small Groups
2:00 PM Piano Tuning
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
4:00 PM Worship Committee
5:30 PM Building & Grounds
5:30 PM Personnel Committee

WEDNESDAY 10/14

10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
6:30 PM SF Small Groups

THURSDAY 10/15

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM Kitchen Hood Cleaning
6:30 PM SF Small Groups

FRIDAY 10/16

Birthdays This Week

10/13—Mike Gronquist
10/15—Roger Branham V
10/17—Cassandra Fuller
10/17—Hannah Fuller
10/17—Jane Gephart

SATURDAY 10/17

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>

WAYS TO SERVE

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United!

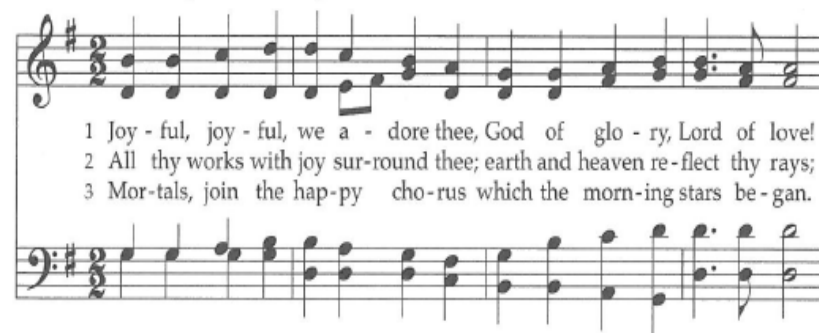
**Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.*

- 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 in the crafting room inside the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office to learn more.
- Community Dinner—Our next community dinner will be Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 PM. To learn more, contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! Contact Jenna at jenna.slagter@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church—Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith! Children's Church takes place during the Sunday service. Contact Jenna at jenna.slagter@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk—Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly, or monthly basis. Training will be provided! Questions? Contact Mac Burriss 304-890-2375.

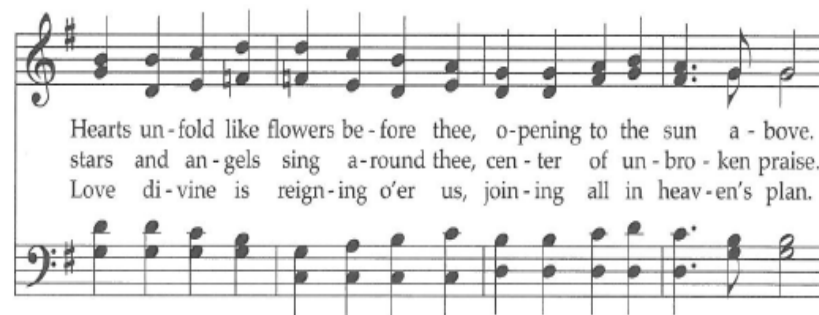
WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC. All are welcome!
- Men's Breakfast—Saturday, November 7th, 9:00 AM at Aces in Superior (front private room).
- Women's Waffles—Saturday, November 7th, 9:00 AM at Superior Waffles.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January and July) at 9:30 AM. December and June meetings are lunches at 12:30 PM. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.

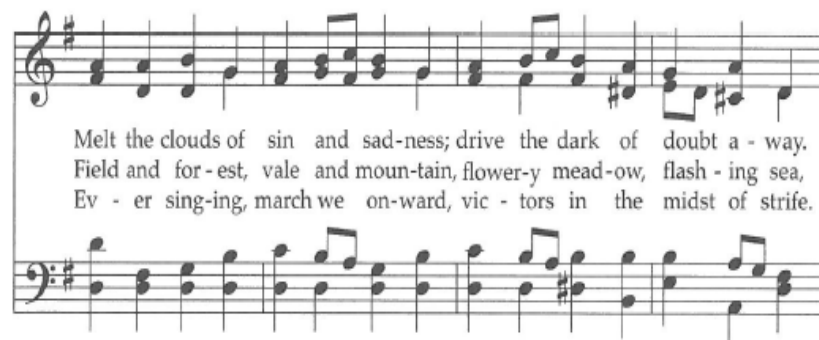
611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



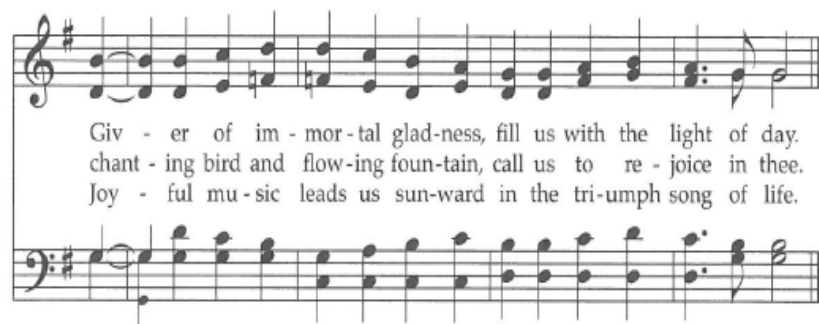
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



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.

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! 390

Louez le Seigneur!

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lou - ez le Sei - gneur! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

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*This song may be repeated, adding a vocal part on each repetition: melody (alto) alone;
 melody + tenor; melody + lower parts; all voices.*