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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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8th, 2023

10:00 AM

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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**

Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness #657

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION** Rev. Duane Aslyn

One: Let us pray.

All: God of our past, present, and future we give you thanks that you were with us before, you journey with us now, and you go before us into our future. Help us to live lives that know where we came from. In doing so, set our minds and hearts firmly on the heavenly call of Christ before us to love and serve others in Jesus' name. Forgive us for when we get so caught up in the past that we can't move forward in Christ's name. Come Holy Spirit, do your thing. Show us where to go, and lead us into newness. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

***HYMN** All Things Bright and Beautiful #20

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Rev. Joel Huenemann

One: It's easy to stay focused on the past. It's safe. We know how it plays out. The future can feel dangerous. God is at work in the future though and while looking forward is unpredictable and unsafe it can be very good. C.S. Lewis writes in his book *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*: "Aslan is a lion- the Lion, the great Lion." "Ooh" said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he- quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion"... "Safe?" said Mr. Beaver ... "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you." Lewis consistently personifies Aslan the Lion as Jesus in his children's books. Know that even if the future feels dangerous and you're afraid to go there mentally, spiritually or emotionally, God is with you and God is good. 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.)

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) #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

New Testament Reading

Rev. Joel Huenemann

Matthew 20:1-16

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

(Congregation join on Chorus)

We Will Be Your People

SERMON "25 Years of UPC-Superior: Going Forward"

Rev. Brett M Foote

Exodus 16:3-5, 10-15

Old Testament Reading

***HYMN** Spirit, Open My Heart #692

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #609

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures, high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING** Rev. Duane Aslyn

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of our past and future, may we go forward in expectation with you. Bless us as we move forward into the future you have set before us as we care for our neighbors and fellow pilgrims. Bless us so that we might elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized. Bless others as we give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we represent your expansive justice and love. Help us to let others know they are beloved. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that over the years, all those that come into contact with us, may see Christ at work here in the Twin Ports. 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** We Are Marching in the Light of God #853

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

*What are you looking most forward to in the next year for the church?
What is a goal or hope you have for the church? How are you going to make these things happen?*

NEW TESTAMENT READING**Matthew 20:1-16**

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

OLD TESTAMENT READING**Exodus 16:3-5, 10-15**

The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**SUNDAY 10/8**

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

9:00 AM Spiritual Formation Committee

10:00 AM Morning Worship

10:15 AM Children's Church

6 PM Volleyball

6 PM Boy Scouts

6:30 PM Student Worship at the Table

Birthdays This Week

10/8 Doris Aslyn

10/8 Sanghee Pauna

10/10 Jill Harnstrom

10/13 Mike Gronquist

MONDAY 10/9

5 PM Finance Committee

6 PM Worship at the Table—Lisak/Schlacks

6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 10/10

1 PM Worship at the Table—Hecht/Wester

4 PM Pickleball

4:30 PM Worship Committee

6 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:15 PM Worship at the Table—Bergstrom/Foote

WEDNESDAY 10/11

10 AM Crafters Group

12 PM Staff Meeting

2-6 PM CSA Pickup

6:15 PM Personnel Committee

6:30 PM Worship at the Table—Vosburgh/Schulz

THURSDAY 10/12

10 AM Pickleball

6 PM Buildings & Grounds

7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 10/13**SATURDAY 10/14**

10 AM Presbytery Meeting—Rice Lake

LOOKING AHEADOctober 15
October 20-24Community Dinner
Pastor Out—Vacation**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!

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: mittens, hats, scarves, hand warmers, coats and toiletry items (toothbrushes, toilet paper, bars of soap, etc.). Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. Donations can be placed in the labeled bin found in the narthex. Thank you for your donations!

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 meet by the round table in the narthex, from there they will go together to the Youth room for Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

Our pickleball schedule is changing! You can now join us **Tuesdays from 4-6 PM** or **Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there!

Volleyball is starting up again **this Sunday, October 8th, at 6 PM!** We will be playing **every Sunday at 6 PM** unless there is an announcement stating otherwise!

October 29th—We will be having a hike at Bear Creek Trail after church! Once we have completed our hike, we will stop for some lunch at Gronks.

November 5th—Lydia Noble will be holding an Adult Education class following the service.

November 7, 14, 28, and December 5, 12, 19—Chelsea Thompson will be leading a “Boost Your Brain and Memory Program” from 1-2:30 PM.

January 28th—Birthday Potluck: Sign up sheets will be posted closer to the event.

February 18th—Spud Day: More information to come closer to the event.

CARD DONATIONS

Susan Litehiser needs cards for her letter ministry. She is most in need of cards with pretty pictures and blank insides, as well as “Thinking of you” cards. Thank you all so much!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our free Community Dinner next Sunday, October 15th. Dine in is available from 4-5 PM, then at 5 PM, leftover meals will be packaged up and distributed for anyone who would like to enjoy a hot meal at home instead. We cannot guarantee pick up availability, nor can we distribute pickups any earlier than 5 PM. We will be having chili, cornbread muffins, veggies, and apple crisp.

If you would like to volunteer to help with set up or serving, any and all assistance would be welcomed! Check the sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex for volunteer times.

FALL FLING BAZAAR

The next big event for the Presbyterian Women will be the Fall Fling Bazaar on Saturday, November 4th from 9 AM to 1 PM. This is a church wide event so we need everyone's help to make it a success. You can help by providing homemade craft items, baked goods, homemade candy, plants, or gift baskets. We also need help setting up the day before and workers for the day of the bazaar. You can also help by coming to shop and telling your friends.

WELCOME

We welcome Rev. Joel Huenemann & Rev. Duane Aslyn, both previous ministers of United Presbyterian Church-Superior to our worship this morning. Well wishes are sent from Rev. Henry Hanna & Rev. Charlotte Frantz, who are also previous ministers of UPC that unfortunately could not be here with us today.

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, October 6th, 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.

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
 psalms of grat-i-tude; with the voice of praise
 dis-cov-er that to wor-ship God is good.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti-ful, all crea-tures great and small,
 all things wise and won-der-ful, the Lord God made them all.

Fine

1 Each lit-tle flower that o-pens, each lit-tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur-ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv-er run-ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col-ors; God made their ti-ny wings.
 the sun-set, and the morn-ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar-den, God made them ev-ery one.
 how great is God Al-might-y, who has made all things well.

to Refrain

We Will Be Your People

Congregational Part

Words and Music by DON PHILLIPS (ASCAP)

We will be your peo - ple, Guid-ed by your
 hand, Lov-ing as you loved — us, Ful-fill-ing your com -
 mand. Shar-ing light in dark - ness, Fol-low-ing your way,
 We will be your peo-ple, We will be your church to - day!

692

Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B^b F B^b C7

Refrain

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*
 1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of
 kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of
 fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er. *to Refrain*

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing...
We are praying...
We are singing...