

## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 ([jan\\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com](mailto:jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com)) or

Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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**Online Worship**

***Fourth Sunday in Eastertide***

**May 8th, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

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

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**PRELUDE** Alex Sandor  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*INTROIT** Be Not Afraid (2x) #243

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 124)**

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us...

**All: Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us.**

One: Then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us;

**All: Then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

One: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

**All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**\*HYMN** For All the Faithful Women #324

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ADORATION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Provider, we praise you for your power and peace. We praise you for your saving work in our and others' lives. We confess that we often wish we could save others from their sins and problems. We confess that sometimes we wish we would have said one more thing to someone we can't speak to anymore. We confess that sometimes we worry about others even though they are in your hands. Forgive us for worrying about things we cannot change or control. Help us to trust in you, your power, and your provision. Help us to say what is on our hearts, when we have the opportunity. Help us to rest in you. In the name of the resurrected Christ we pray, Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Wendy Videlock wrote in her poem *Change*: "Change is the new,/improved/word for god,/lovely enough/to raise a song/or implicate/a sea of wrongs,/mighty enough,/like other gods,/to shelter,/bring together,/and estrange us./Please, god,/we seem to say,/change us."

As often as we wish to change others, ourselves, or the circumstances surrounding any of us we aren't always able to. In fact, much is out of our control. We hate that. We get upset when we can't fix things or give ourselves reassurances. But there is good news: God is at work in our lives, and so when our efforts are insufficient or we can't change something we would like to, we can rest in the knowledge that God knows what God is doing and that God can change things. No matter our efforts, God will be God and God will be at work in our lives whether we get things wrong or right. 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 (Children please come forward at this time): I've Got The Joy**

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart.  
I have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart to stay.

I have the love of Jesus...

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** Laura Foote

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Jackie Pananen  
Old Testament Reading Psalm 23:1-6

**SERMON "Throwing Up Our Hands: Letting God be God"**  
Rev. Brett M Foote  
New Testament Reading Revelation 7:9-17

**\*HYMN** Rain Down - led by Chancel Choir #40  
Congregation, please sing along on the chorus

**OFFERING**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*RESPONSE**

Sandy LeMieux  
#607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ, all people here below  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

**PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: Grace filled Creator, 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. 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 mercy and grace. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our communities so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know your love and grace. 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 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** Amazing Grace #649

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

### ***Psalm 23:1-6***

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

### ***Revelation 7:9-17***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

## **United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**

### **SUNDAY 5/8**

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Morning Worship

6-7:30 PM Volleyball

### **MONDAY 5/9**

3:15-6 PM Piano Lessons

6 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

6 PM Cub Scouts

7 PM Finance Committee

### **Birthdays This Week**

5/12 Robert Perrault

### **TUESDAY 5/10**

10 AM Dick Parish Visitation

11 AM Dick Parish Funeral, Luncheon to follow

3:30-8:30 PM Piano Lessons

4-6 PM Pickleball

4:15 PM Mission Committee

5 PM CYF Committee

### **WEDNESDAY 5/11**

10 AM Quilters Group

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)

2-6 PM CSA Pickup

3-6 PM Piano Lessons

4:30 PM F&O Hike @ Osaugie Trail

5 PM Personnel Committee (Zoom)

### **THURSDAY 5/12**

6 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee

7 PM AA Meeting

### **FRIDAY 5/13**

### **SATURDAY 5/14**

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

May 15

May 22

Confirmation Sunday

Graduation Sunday &

Garden Party

## 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.

### VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will be played every Sunday between 6pm -7:30pm in the UPC gym. Come join the fun, and bring another player along.

### CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir rehearsals will take place Sundays at 8:45 AM, and Bell Choir will rehearse Mondays at 6 PM.

### NURSERY AVAILABILITY

The nursery is now staffed 15 minutes before the service until 15 minutes after for children from new born up through 4 years old. 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.

### LITURGIST SIGN UP

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Narthex where you can sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship services. This a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings, and our call to worship.

### AFTER-CHURCH LUNCH, GARDEN TALK AND KICK-OFF, SPRING CLEAN-UP COMING ON MAY 22!

Sunday, May 22, after church, please join us for a special event hosted by the Community Garden Committee and the Fellowship and Outreach Committee. It will consist of the following:

- A salad-bar luncheon: Everyone is invited to feast on some of the types of vegetables we'll be growing in the UPC Community Garden this year! Holly and Jon Wolfe, who are Master Gardeners in Duluth, will be with us to speak about gardening basics.
- After lunch, those who volunteered to garden in the community garden will receive their seeds, plants, and tools and will have a chance to get started on the gardening! Holly and Jon will provide guidance as needed.
- Also after lunch, the annual Spring Clean-Up will take place. We would be grateful for everyone's assistance in sprucing up the building and grounds so they're all set for the coming season.

### INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are ready for donations for the spring and summer months! We are 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!

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### GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will be celebrating our graduates on May 22! If you or someone you know is graduating please connect with Laura after the service or send an email to [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com). Deadline for submissions is **this coming Tuesday, May 10th.**

### SOFTBALL

Softball season is almost here! If you are looking for a fun way to get to know others, come out and join us this summer for softball! If you would like more information, connect with Laura after the service, or by sending an email to [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com). Our first game will be on May 17th, at 58th St. Field #1 vs Bayside.

### DONATIONS NEEDED

The Mission committee is partnering up with Pilgrim Lutheran and Westminster Presbyterian Churches in accepting donations for children K-12. Monetary donations are welcomed, and checks can be made out to the church, with "School donations" in the memo line. These are the items that are currently being accepted for this project: **Scarves, hats, mittens and gloves, socks, and underwear.** A box can be found at the back of the Narthex to put donations in. Thank you!

### ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

The all church Rummage Sale will be Friday, May 20th from 3-6pm and Saturday, May 21st from 9a-noon. If you would like to donate "stuff", other than clothes and electronics, please price them and drop them off at the church beginning Wednesday, May 18th. Dean Hecht will make home pick ups ; just call 715-398-6532. We also need workers; please sign up for the times you are able to help out. Thanks in advance.

### FROM FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

**5/11** - Our first hiking event of the year! Meet at the Bong Center parking lot at 4:30 PM, and hike the Osaugie Trail. The walkway is paved and accessible for all. We are hoping to schedule some more hikes at our next meeting.

### 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>

# Be Not Afraid

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Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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# 324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)  
E<sup>b</sup> Cm7 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in  
2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -  
3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with  
4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)  
B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Cm7 Fm B<sup>b</sup>

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to  
um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay  
pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to  
sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)  
E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and  
drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her  
hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er  
heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)  
F B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their  
home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to  
Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her  
ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)  
Cm7 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your power to save.  
serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.  
Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.  
in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

# Rain Down

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Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)

F A7 Dm F7 Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your

(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)

F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)

F7 Bb Gm C7 Bb F

down; rain down your love, God of life.

# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and

3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I

4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but

grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that

have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me

word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and

shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.

grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!

safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.