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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER & COMMUNION

May 2nd, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

PRELUDE **Alex Sandor**
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT **We are the Church United**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 85)

One: Lord, act favorable to your creation.

All: You forgave our iniquity as your people; you pardoned all of our sin.

One: We ask you to withdraw all your wrath; you have turned from your hot anger in the past.

All: Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

One: Revive our lives, let us witness the world in color and not black and white.

All: Let us experience what God the Lord will speak! Speak peace to us, our Savior!

HYMN **Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing** **#319**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of the vine, we confess that often we are restless. We confess that we don't always rest in you. We confess that sometimes we are scared and even resent the idea of being pruned. Forgive us for our restlessness. Forgive us when we don't rest in you. Forgive our resentment and fear. Help us to live as models of rest and new growth in you. Help us to recognize times of pruning as opportunities for growth. We are grateful to you. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family, it is certain that at different points in our lives we don't get things right, we do wrong things, we wrong someone else, we let the sun go down on our anger. We live restless lives. Yet God, in God's wisdom and mercy loves us. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those in the comments section with the words, **"The peace of Christ be with you."** (You may pass the peace in the comments section. Say hello to one another. In person you may throw up peace signs and talk with each other)

TIME WITH CHILDREN **Kathryn Craven**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **John Voss**
Old Testament Reading **Psalm 22:25-31**

SERMON **"Restless: Lessons From a Vineyard"**
Rev. Brett M Foote
New Testament Reading **John 15:1-11**

HYMN **For the Fruit of All Creation #36**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Presentation of Jake Meador, Angela Meador, Clancy Johannesson, Danielle Anderson, and Mary Jane Riehm

AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH¹

Apostles Creed

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. He ascended into Heaven, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A Modern Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in an inviting God
Who invites the poor and the sick,
The outcast and the lonely,
The immigrant and the refugee,
The awkward and the abrasive,
The inconvenienced and the hurried,
The people affected by disability and the able bodied,**

The young and the innocent.
We believe God invites the best and the worst—
In all of us.

We believe God invites us to:

A life of faith,
A crowded table,
A messy church,
A deeper truth,
A resilient joy,
A place to belong,
A family among strangers,
A world that is just,
And a love that knows no bounds.

We believe this invitation exists for all people.

We believe this invitation exists for us. And when we miss the call or ignore the invite, We believe that God invites us again. Thanks be to God for that invitational Spirit. Amen

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

RESPONSE

#647

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the
Holy One

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what
the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who calls us to abide, 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 reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. May resurrection thrive in each heart and may we in our giving be a part of that. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's resurrection love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Holy Communion

COMMUNION HYMN

Loaves Were Broken

#498

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Praise to You, O God, for all of Your works.

You created the world and called it good
and made us in Your image to live together in love.
You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from You,
You remained ever faithful.
You taught Your disciples to pray by saying...

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. 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 glory and the power, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you at home, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution. Here at the church we invite you to take your individual cup as you come into the church, and follow the above pattern.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Let us give thanks.

All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

#450

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

THE LORD'S SUPPER *is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.
Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 15:1-11

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you'd like to donate online vs. mailing the weekly offering to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 5/2

10:00 AM Morning Worship
11:30 AM Zoom Coffee Break

MONDAY 5/3

TUESDAY 5/4

2 PM Personnel (Zoom)
4 PM Hotdish Committee

WEDNESDAY 5/5

9:30 AM PW Meeting
12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
4-6 PM CSA Pickup
4 PM Deacons (Zoom)

THURSDAY 5/6

6 PM CYF (Zoom)

FRIDAY 5/7

SATURDAY 5/8

10 AM Adventure Group @ Dowling Lake

<p>Birthdays This Week 5/5 Dave Larson</p>

<u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>	
TODAY May 8	Reopening! Adventure Group @ Dowling Lake

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICU TREE

What was formerly the mitten tree is now the ICU tree! It is still set up in the main entrance, and we are asking for donations of **new socks, first aid bags, and flashlights** to be placed on the tree to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours to decorate the tree!

REOPENING!

We will be reopening for in person services starting May 2nd! Masks are required, and social distancing measures will be in place, but we are thrilled to have the United Family able to gather in person again soon. We will be welcoming new members at this time. On this day, we will also handing out saplings to take home in partnership with the Wisconsin DNR and a local nonprofit. This effort is a late celebration of Earth day, to commemorate our call to be good stewards of the Earth, as well as to remind us of our opportunities for new growth.

SOFTBALL

That time is upon us! It's time to hurl hard objects at each other for fun while others cheer on the delightful mayhem. If you want to play softball this summer or know someone who you think might, please let Kathryn Craven know at katdianna@yahoo.com or (660)631-2788. She is also reaching out to previous and potential players. Let's do this!

MAY 9, SUNDAY

Informational gathering immediately church. If you or your family are interested in playing softball this summer, please come and ask your questions.

MAY 15, SATURDAY AT 9 a.m.

Practice together! Location TBA.

MAY 18 - GAMES START!



ADVENTURE GROUP @ DOWLING LAKE

The UPC Adventure Group's next outing will be to Dowling lake, at 10 AM on May 8th. More details soon.

PW MEETING

The monthly gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be held at the church on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. That is the good news. The bad news is that we are not allowed to bring in food or beverages, so you will have to have your coffee and breakfast at home. Masks and social distancing will be required. All women are cordially invited to attend.

CONTACTING PASTOR BRETT

If you need to contact Pastor Brett and he doesn't answer on his cell phone, please call the church to leave a message, as his voicemail sometimes malfunctions.

We Are the Church United

Laura Fuller and Henry Hanna

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C Am7 Em G7
 We are the church u - nit - ed com - ing to - geth - er to
 Am G7 C G7
 Pray for God's bless - ings up - on us,
 C Am7 Em G7 G#7
 We are the church u - nit - ed join - ing our voi - ces in
 Am G7 C *Fine*
 Praise and thanks - giv - ing to God. 1. A 2. One
 Am Em
 new day has come, And We ask your guid - ance,
 Lord is our Lord, One word is our man - date,
 Am G
 Lead us a - long the way, We
 One hope that leads us on, We're
 Dm Am
 praise to the Fath - er, Son and the Spir - it,
 trav' - ling a new road, Foll' - wing a vis - ion,
 E7 Am G7 *D.C. al Fine*
 Grant us a great new day, Oh,
 God's will, it shall be done, Oh,

319 Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

Shout to the North

E B A2
 1 Men of faith, rise up and sing of the
 (2 Rise up,) wom - en of the truth. Stand and
 (3 Rise up,) church, with bro - ken wings; fill this
 E B A2 E B
 great and glo - rious King. You are strong when you feel
 sing to bro - ken hearts who can know the heal - ing
 place with songs a - gain of our God who reigns on
 A2 E B A2
 weak; in your bro - ken - ness, com - plete.
 power of our awe - some King of love.
 high; by God's grace a - gain we'll fly.
 Chorus
 E A B E
 Shout to the north and the south; sing to the
 Last time to Coda
 A B E A B A B
 east and the west. Je - sus is Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and
 1, 3 2
 E E B
 earth. 2 Rise up, earth.
 3 Rise up,

Bridge

C#m A

We've been through fire; we've been through rain;

C#m A

we've been re-fined by the power of your name.

C#m A

We've fall-en deep-er in love with you.

A Bsus B to Chorus

You've burned this truth on our lips.

Coda E A B Repeat as desired E

earth. He is Lord of heav-en and earth.

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre-a-tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re-ward of la-bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev-ery na-tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in-her-it, thanks be to God.

For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are
 In our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun-gry and de-
 For the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-

sleep-ing, fu-ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 spair-ing, in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B^b



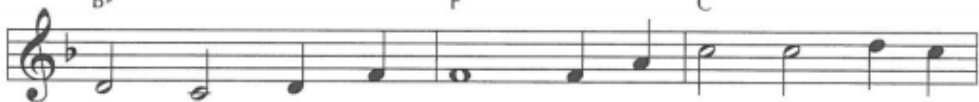
1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)
B^b F C



food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!" tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B^b C F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B^b F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
E^b A^b E^b/G B^b7 E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
B^b E^b A^b B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
A^b E^b Gm7 A^b B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
Cm E^b/G A^b E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.