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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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13th, 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**

Make a Joyful Noise to God #54

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who renews, we give you thanks for all the ways in which you challenge and shape us. We praise you for the renewing of our minds. Forgive us when we sometimes turn our noses up to people and ideas that challenge us or make us uncomfortable. Forgive us for the times when we reject good news when it doesn't fit our preconceived notions.

Love us.

Heal us.

Shape us.

May we reflect your son, Christ. Amen.

***HYMN** O, For a Thousands Tongues to Sing #610

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Psalms proclaim that when we confess our sins and don't try to conceal these things in our lives, God forgives our guilt and our transgressions. God radically forgives. God is gracious. 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.)

***RESPONSE** He Came Down #137

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jackie Pananen
Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 28:5-9
New Testament Reading Luke 4:14-24

SERMON "Being Comfortable With The Uncomfortable"
Jocelyn Langholz

***HYMN** Brethern, We Have Met to Worship #396

***APOSTLES CREED**

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** For the Life that You Have Given Alex Sandor #717

For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who sometimes makes us uncomfortable, 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, Ashland 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** We Will Rejoice #852

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 8/13

Pastor Out of Office—Vacation
10:00 AM Morning Worship
6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 8/14

Pastor Out of Office—Vacation
5 PM Finance Committee

TUESDAY 8/15

Pastor Out of Office—Vacation
10 AM Pickleball
4:30 PM Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY 8/16

Pastor Out of Office—Vacation
10 AM Pickleball
1 PM Caregiver Conversations
2-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 8/17

Pastor Out of Office—Vacation
6:15 PM Session Meeting
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 8/18

SATURDAY 8/19

4-6:30 PM Tri-Lakes Corn Roast

Birthdays This Week

8/13 Cliff Pananen
8/13 Mary Voss
8/15 Dorothy Granfors

LOOKING AHEAD

August 20 Community Dinner
August 26 Progressive Lunch

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>

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:14-24

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.'

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

August 19th - Tri Lake's Annual Corn & Pork Roast

From 4-6:30 PM. A nice meal to enjoy if you are free! At Tri Lakes Community Center, 7872 South County Road A.

August 26th - Progressive Lunch on Amnicon Lake

1:00 PM The Schlacks' House for appetizers
8121 S. Dowling Lake Rd E Superior, WI 54880

2:00 PM The Lisak's House for main meal
4519 E. Pleasant View Rd Superior, WI 54880

3:00 PM TeeGeeLee for dessert (AKA The Hecht's)
7932 S. Cty Road A Superior, WI 54880

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 do not donate socks — we received a large donation and will be set for a while! Donations can be brought 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

Children's Church will resume on August 20. 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.

PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

UPC led 6-0 in the first inning, but lost 29-20 vs Central Assembly. Ryan Y and Jay tripled for UPC, Zach made a nice force out at 3b, and Diedrick had 2 spectacular catches in the outfield for UPC!

We look forward to hearing all about the playoff games!

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.

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!

CASDA VISIT

Desiree Otterino, the Housing First Program Coordinator at CASDA will be joining us next Sunday, August 20th, for our 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

Good news! We have almost enough of the supplies for the PDA Bags. We are still in need of **70 count wide ruled notebooks.** Thank you for your generosity!

COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our free Community Dinner next Sunday, August 20th. 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 sandwiches, chips, and fruit.

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.

WELCOME JOCELYN LANGHOLZ

Leading us in worship this Sunday is a familiar face to some, Jocelyn Langholz who is a candidate for ordination under care of the Presbytery of Northern Waters. Here's what she said about herself: Jocelyn is an outpatient mental health therapist, treating eating disorders and trauma, and providing gender affirming care. Jocelyn attends United Theological Seminary pursuing an MDiv in Social Transformation. She is a member of UPCC in Ashland and currently chairs the Mission, Peace, and Social Justice Committee. Jocelyn has been preaching several times a month, including joining with 5 women pastors in honoring a sixth on her retirement in an ecumenical sunrise service on the shores of Lake Superior. She also notes that she "doesn't really have a bio." We think it's great! Welcome back Jocelyn and thank you for leading us in worship!

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, August 11th, 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.

Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)

1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heav - en - ly home.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

He Came Down

137

He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

Leader: Why did he come?
have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light
... that we may have peace
... that we may have joy

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396

1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a-dore the Lord our God.
2 Sis-ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid-ed him.
3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
4 Let us love our God su-preme-ly; let us love each oth-er, too.

Will you pray with all your pow-er while we try to preach the word?
Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
Is there here a weep-ing Mar-y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
Let us love and pray for sin-ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un-less the Spir-it of the ho-ly One comes down.
Tell them all a-bout the Sav-ior. Tell them that he will be found.
Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis-ters, let your prayers a-bound!
Christ will call us home to heav-en; at his ta-ble we'll sit down.

Breth-ren, pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
Sis-ters, pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
Pray, O pray, that ho-ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

1 When the Lord re-deems the ver-y least,
 2 When the Lord re-stores the sick and weak, we will re-
 3 When the Lord re-vives the world from death, we will re-joyce, will re-
 4 When the Lord re- turns in vic-to-ry,

joyce. When the hun-gry gath-er for the feast,
 joyce, will re-joyce. When the earth is giv-en to the meek,
 When the word of God fills ev-ery breath,
 When we live in glo-rious lib-er-ty,

Refrain

we will re-joyce. We will re-
 we will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-

joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.
 joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our

We will re-joyce!
 days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!