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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) or  
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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### Online Worship

***Fifth Sunday in Eastertide & Confirmation Sunday***

**May 15th, 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 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Sandor

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 125)

One: Those who trust in the Lord are like Lake Superior, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

**All: As the shores surround Superior, so the Lord surrounds his people from this time on and forevermore.**

One: Wickedness will not surround us or rule us!

**All: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

One: Lead all evil away from us.

**All: Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.**

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ADORATION

One: Let us pray.

**All: God who includes, we praise you for your wide welcome. We praise you for your provision in our lives. We praise you for the ways in which you continually reveal to us an ever expanding love. We praise you that you include even us, our neighbors, and those folks half way across the globe that aren't exactly like us. We confess that we often exclude others. We confess that we don't change our minds very easily. We confess any and all prejudice of people as sin. Forgive us almighty God. Forgive us for our exclusion of others. Forgive us when we withhold your love. Forgive us for when we try to "shrink" heaven or your saving power. Thank you God. Help us to be forever transformed by your Spirit. In the name of the resurrected Christ we pray, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Mary Oliver wrote in her poem *Rain*: "All afternoon it rained, then/ such power came down from the clouds/ on a yellow thread,/ as authoritative as God is supposed to be./ When it hit the tree, her body/ opened forever."

Some of the storms over the last few weeks got me thinking about how the warm fronts meet the cold fronts and send us those beautiful and somewhat terrifying thunderstorms. Those storms change the landscape. 100+ year old trees fall or are torn asunder by winds or by lightning strike. Oliver captures these changes. When we think the seasons won't change they do, when we think others can't change, they do. When we believe we can't change, we do. That's the beauty of this world and the beauty of God, circumstances change, people change. ideas change. God is at work. So, even when we think "that's just the way it is" or "that's just the way they are" God looks past our stubbornness with love for us and others. 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. Please minimize contact.)

## 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've got 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

Old Testament Reading

Tom Vosburgh  
Jonah 3:3-4:2

## SERMON "Trying To Hinder God: A Wider Welcome"

New Testament Reading

Rev. Brett M Foote  
Acts 11:1-18

## CONFIRMATION OF ANNA MATTHIAS, PIPER CARSWELL, AND TYLER WILLOUGHBY

## CONFIRMATION STUDENT'S CREED

### We Believe

*Written by: Anna Matthias, Piper Carswell, and Tyler Willoughby*

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

**All: We believe in God our Father.**

**We believe in Their influence to create and guide us.**

**We believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe in community.**

**We believe that you must treat everyone with kindness, respect, and dignity.**

**We believe that you can't judge a book by its cover; you should look further into the whole picture.**

**We believe that God loves everyone no matter what you have done in the past.**

**God forgives.**

**We believe that you should forgive your sins.**

**We believe you shouldn't hold onto the past.**

**Forgive everyone and move on.**

**We believe that you can reach out anytime you want to, because God will always listen.**

**We believe in God.**

**Amen.**

## \*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

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## OFFERING MOMENT FOR MISSION

## OFFERTORY

## \*RESPONSE

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

Alex Sandor  
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## PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: Welcoming God, 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 community 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 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #700**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Alex Sandor**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

***Jonah 3:3-4:2***

So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.'

## United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY 5/15

Confirmation Sunday

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Morning Worship

4-5 PM Community Dinner

6-7:30 PM Volleyball

6 PM Boy Scouts

### MONDAY 5/16

3:15-6 PM Piano Lessons

6 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

6 PM Cub Scouts

### TUESDAY 5/17

3:30-8:30 PM Piano Lessons

4-6 PM Pickleball

6 PM Softball @ 58th Street Field 1

### WEDNESDAY 5/18

All Church Rummage Sale Set Up

10 AM Quilters Group

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)

1 PM Caregiver Conversations

2-6 PM CSA Pickup

3-6 PM Piano Lessons

### THURSDAY 5/19

All Church Rummage Sale Set Up

7 PM AA Meeting

### FRIDAY 5/20

3-6 PM All Church Rummage Sale

### SATURDAY 5/21

9 AM-12 PM All Church Rummage Sale

### LOOKING AHEAD

May 22

Graduation Sunday &

May 30

Garden Party  
Office Closed

### 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>

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

## **Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

## **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**

This evening from 6-7:30 will be the final volleyball game until fall.

### **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 & WELCOME IRIS MILLER**

On behalf of the Personnel committee, we would like to welcome Iris Miller to the staff as our new Nursery Coordinator. 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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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.

### **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**

**June 8th:** Our next hike will be at Pattison Park! Many of the pathways have been modified over the past two years to be more accessible for all. We will meet there at 4:30 PM. See you there!

**June 22nd:** We are pleased to announce that we are bringing back the Talent Show this summer! Pizza will be provided at 5:00 PM. The show will start at 6:00 PM. David Waite has agreed to be our MC for the evening! YAY! We will have a sign-up sheet posted at the beginning of June.

### **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!

### **COMMUNITY DINNER**

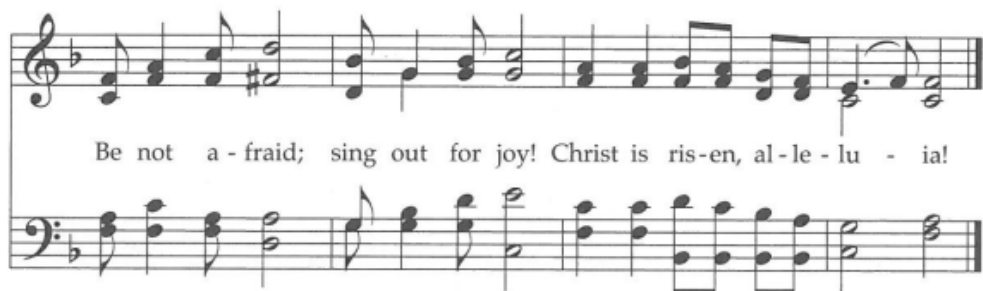
This Sunday, May 15th, is our Community Dinner! We hope you will join us for a dinner of brats, sauerkraut, baked beans, coleslaw, and chocolate chip cookies. Drive up between 4 and 5 PM and tell us how many meals you would like, and we will share that many with you.

# Be Not Afraid

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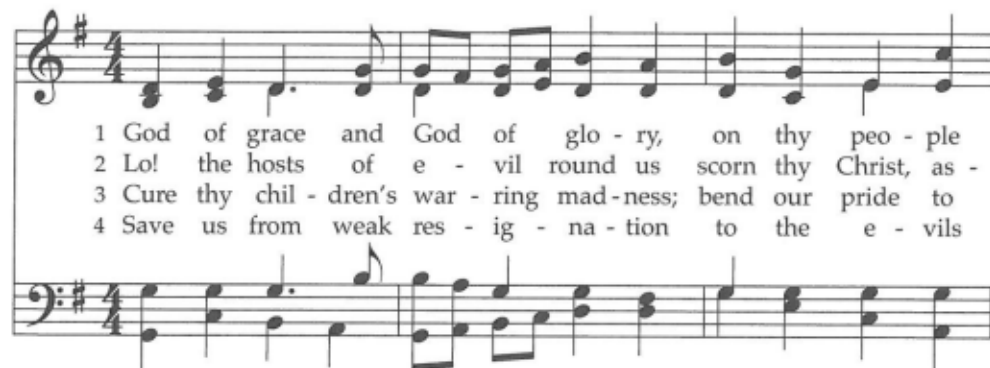


Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

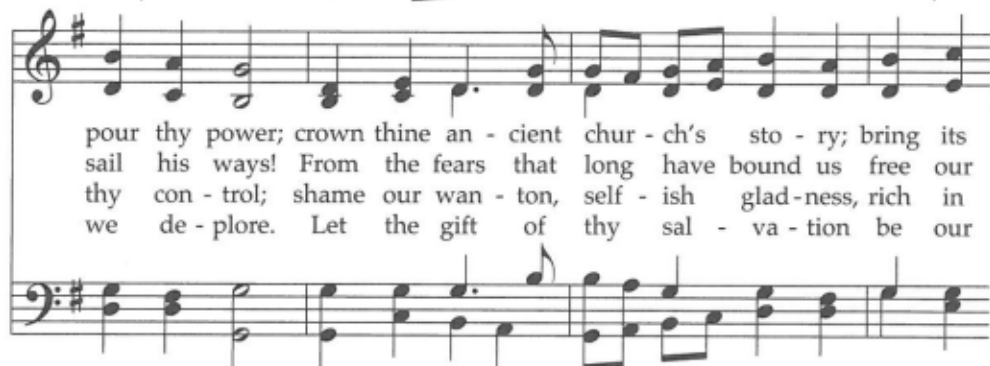


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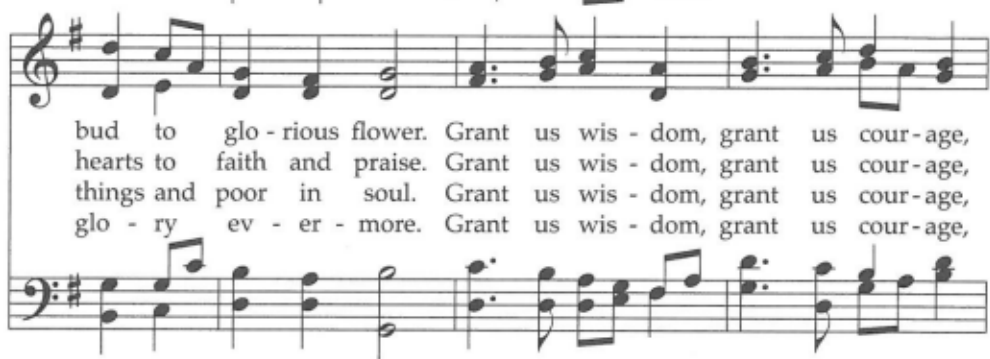
# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory



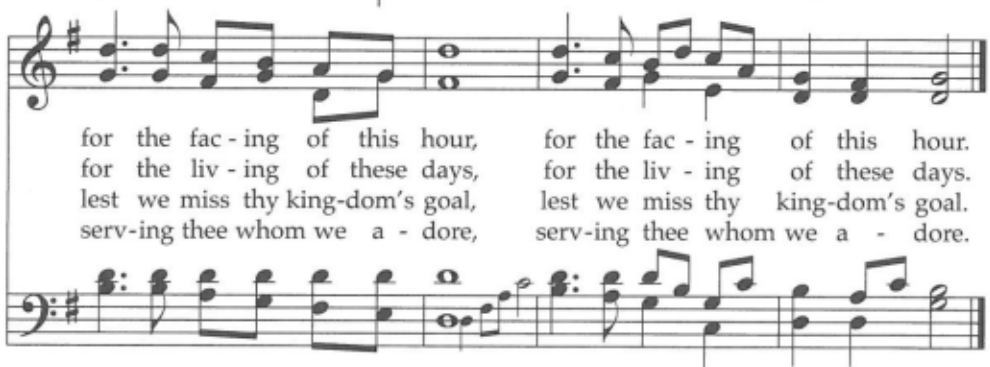
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



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.



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## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>



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



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) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



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) Cm (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>



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.

## 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na



live so (live so)  
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

