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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
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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

October 2nd, 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 Jane Wester

***INTROIT** Sanctuary (2x) #701

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Lord, you teach us to tell time differently.

All: A thousand years or a day makes no difference to you.
Help us to make the most of every moment you give us.

One: A day without you at its center is a day wasted.

All: Show us your love in the morning
And we will celebrate and serve all day long.
Let us join in the blessing of this time, beloved of God with one another.

***HYMN** Make a Joyful Noise to God! #54

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: Creative God, you made us all reflecting your image, and placed us in this world to live in your light. You have called us to love you and each other and to care for the planet which you have provided as our home.

Yet, we confess that we often lose sight of the light within us and fail to seek your face in the faces of those around us. We prefer to seek our own comfort, status, and success. We ignore your Spirit of love, justice, and connection being overwhelmed by fear and distrust. We avoid opportunities to be gentle with others, to speak the truth, and to nurture life in all its forms. We take from the earth and from each other. We have forgotten how to gracefully give and receive. Forgive us for the harm we cause to ourselves and those in our closest circles. Forgive us for the times we miss chances to build bridges, mend fences, and challenge the structures that perpetuate harm in our world. We seek to be nurtured and challenged by your Spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends and family in Christ, the God who made us in God's image knows our hearts and hears our prayers of confession. We are seen, we are loved, we are forgiven. Let us receive God's expansive embrace.

All: 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 (Choir will lead, congregation respond) *Children please come forward at this time*

I Will Call upon the Lord #621

TIME WITH CHILDREN Jocelyn Langholz

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Scripture Reading

Tiff Willie
James 4:13-15

SERMON "A Call in These Times: From Lament to Hope"

Jocelyn Langholz
Esther 4:1-4, 11-16

Scripture Reading

***STATEMENT OF FAITH (UCC Statement—adapted by R.V.Moss)**

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

***HYMN** Blessed Assurance #839

OFFERING
MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY Jane Wester
***RESPONSE** For the Life That You Have Given #717

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of all time and God with us in this time, 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 good 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 tenderness 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 You Shall Go Out with Joy #80

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Jane Wester

SCRIPTURE READING

James 4:13-15

Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money.' Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that.'

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4:1-4, 11-16

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them. 'All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden sceptre to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.' When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.' Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, 'Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 10/2

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Morning Worship

6 PM Boy Scouts

Pastor Out—Vacation

MONDAY 10/3

4 PM Piano Lessons

6 PM Cub Scouts

7:30 PM Piano Lessons

Pastor Out—Vacation

TUESDAY 10/4

3:45 PM Piano Lessons

4 PM Pickleball

WEDNESDAY 10/5

9:30 AM PW Meeting

12 PM Staff Meeting

2-6 PM CSA Pickup

3:45 PM Piano Lessons

4 PM Deacons Meeting

6 PM Book Club

THURSDAY 10/6

5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 10/7

Presbytery Meeting @ Clearwater

SATURDAY 10/8

Presbytery Meeting @ Clearwater

5 PM Scouts Spaghetti Dinner

Birthdays This Week

10/4 Cierra Kiel

10/4 Nathan Peterson

10/6 Pat Johnson

10/8 Doris Aslyn

10/8 Sanghee Pauna

LOOKING AHEAD

October 8
November 5

Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
Fall Fling Bazaar

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

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.

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!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is staffed 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Come meet Iris, our Nursery Coordinator, and bring your young ones to play during the service! 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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Time with Children 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 will take place in the Youth room which is next to the Nursery. Children's Church will begin on October 9.

CONFIRMATION

Our 2022-2023 Confirmation class will begin on October 30! Our first meeting will be an introduction for students, parents and grandparents to learn more about what our journey will entail. Students currently and not currently attending UPC are welcome to join. If you have any questions or know of a student who may be interested in joining this year please reach out to Laura after the service or by sending an e-mail to: lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

SECOND SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Starting on October 9 there will be a Bible study for our high school students. We will meet in the Youth room after the service on every... you guessed it... second Sunday. Don't worry, we'll have snacks for any grumbling bellies.

GET TO KNOW UNITED

If you've been curious to get to know who we are and what we are about at United, Pastor Brett will be leading a group for this very purpose soon. Date is TBD. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

COME JOIN US!

The Bell Choir is looking for a new member. If you would like to join this great group, please contact Jane. Also, the Chancel Choir has empty seats. We'd love to fill them all and add more. Please give it a try. Show up for practice at 8:45 Sunday morning!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently accepting: **mittens, hats, scarves, hand warmers, coats, toiletry items (toothbrushes, toilet paper, bars of soap, etc.), and non-liquid, sealed food items.** Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. *Thank you for your donations!*

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Volleyball will start-up October 2nd. This year we will be playing every Sunday from 12:30-2:30 PM in the church gym.

FALL FLING BAZAAR

The Presbyterian Women are planning their church wide Fall Fling Bazaar for Saturday, November 5, 2022. The hours will be from 9am-2pm. Our little Cafe will offer coffee and treats for sale throughout the day. Mark your calendars and begin to knit, craft or bake up a storm! Please bring your "bazaar" items to church the day before the sale, Friday, November 4th. We'll begin to set up the bazaar at 9am, Friday and welcome your help.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

On Sunday, October 9, at 4 PM, a Blessing of the Animals service will be held in the UPC parking lot (weather permitting). Light refreshments will be provided.

All are welcome to bring their furry friends to be blessed. However, please consider how your pet interacts with new people and other pets before opting to have them join you for the service.

Blessing of the Animals celebrations are typically held on or near October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. One of the many things St. Francis is remembered for is his love for animals and nature.

Rain location: UPC Fellowship Hall

PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge cards have been sent out. Please keep your eye out for them and turn them in as soon as you are able. Our goal is to have all pledge cards collected by October 30th so we can get our budget rolling for 2023!



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for
your participation in the
Peace & Global Witness Offering.

IF WE ALL
DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

WAYS TO GIVE



Through your
congregation



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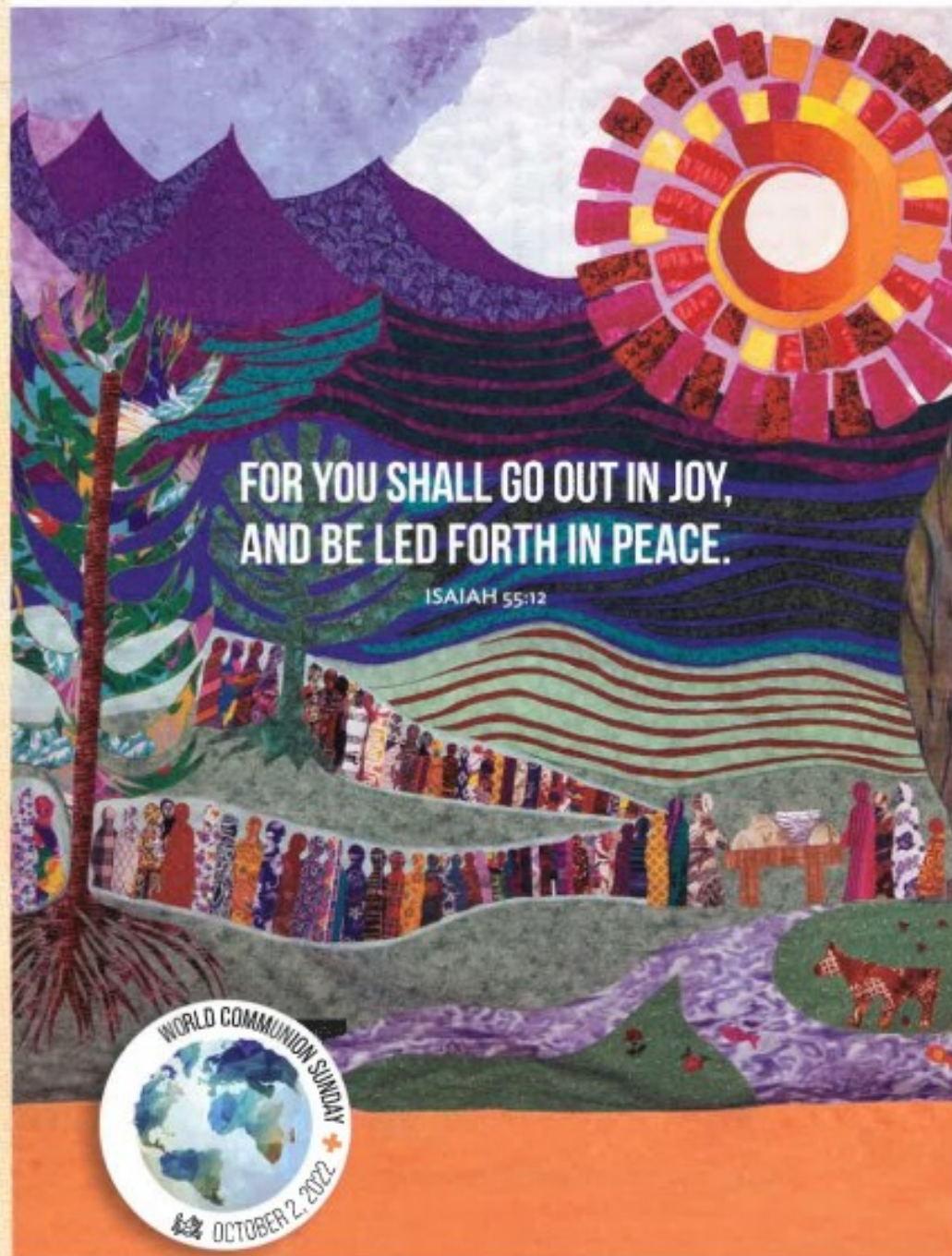
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COVER: "THE POWER OF HOPE" BY KELLY SIMPSON HAGEN, KELLY'S ART FROM THE SOUL



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
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**FOR YOU SHALL GO OUT IN JOY,
AND BE LED FORTH IN PEACE.**

ISAIAH 55:12



✠ God's presence empowers us to live joyfully within our communities and to bring peace to all around us.

Hundreds of people in the island nation of Fiji have been forced to relocate due to climate change and cyclones. Our gifts help to support displaced families and sustain a livable world.



"Lesvos Solidarity is a living example of how a migrant justice organization can show love to the stranger and promote dignity among those who flee war and poverty," said Luciano Kovacs, Presbyterian World Mission.

The Indy TenPoint Coalition is making a difference in the lives of young people with a "boots-on-the-ground" approach to reducing gun violence, increasing employment and enhancing educational achievement.



Visit pcusa.org/peace-global/resources for more information.



God of Peace,
we embrace your joy and go forth
to connect with others in building a world
where all can find compassion,
peace and justice.

AMEN.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world — and right here at home.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering goes to our mid council and joins with other congregation gifts to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Please give what you can.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

Thank you!

Lord, Prepare Me

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Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

Chords: A7, D, A, G, Em7, D, A, A7, D, A, G, A7, D

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 heaven - ly home.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion,
rap-ture now burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing,
Sav-ior am hap-py and blest, watch-ing and wait-ing,

pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry; this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior

all the day long; this is my sto-ry; this is my

song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

the trees of the field will clap their hands

while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.