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COMMUNION SUNDAY

February 3, 2019

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND SHARING

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*INTROIT (Verse 1 only)

#401

**Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Word of God is near us. The reign of God is at hand.

All: **In the trees; in the snow; in the animals around us.**

One: Your presence touches our lives; you call us with your presence.

All: **Inviting us to put our hope in you**

One: Inviting us to dare that we might see.

All: **Surrounding us. Touching us. Inviting us.**

One: Let us be in God's presence as we worship.

*GATHERING PRAYER

You who are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, let us not be content to be the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. During our worship this morning, make us bold to embrace your wisdom and open to being shaped by its way. Let it speak to us like water running under the ice, like the sun shining through the clouds, like the gentle voice of a friend. Let it begin now. May your realm be nearer when we leave than it was when we arrived. *Amen.*

*HYMN

Here in this Place

#401

(Verses 2, 3, 4 only)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, Lord, that in claiming to be your kingdom made visible, we have focused mostly on our desires, our visions, our own agenda. Our own concerns have usually taken priority over the needs of our sisters and brothers, over your desires for us. Our comforts have seemed more important than others' poverty. Our difficulties more significant than the tragedies of others.

We confess we have failed to concentrate on you. We have failed to live in your presence in all that surrounds us. Our hearts and minds have withdrawn from you. Forgive us. Mend us. Redirect us. Help us see with your eyes. Help us be who you would have us be. *Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us share the peace of Christ with our neighbor.

***RESPONSE** *I've Got Peace Like a River* #623

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN Christy Willmore
*Prayer cards may be sent to the front with
youth and children who come forward.*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING *Open My Eyes*
Open my eyes, Lord; help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord; help me to see.
Open my ears, Lord; help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord; help me to hear.
Open my heart, Lord; help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord; help me to love.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Donna OKash
First Reading *Deuteronomy 18: 15-20*
Second Reading *1 Corinthians 8: 1-13*

SERMON *Tomorrow Today* Rev. Susan Goodin

***HYMN** *Bless Be the Tie that Binds* #306

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE**

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE COMMUNITY PRAYS

CALL TO PRAYER

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying #469

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise

One: Holy God, we thank you for calling us into existence by your Word; for speaking your words of demand and grace through teachers and prophets; for promising that your words shall be written on our hearts.

All: We marvel with gratitude that your Word became flesh and lived among us in Jesus; that he suffered as we suffer to be with us and die for us; that you raised him from the dead in victory over death and sin.

One: Holding the glad word of your good news in our minds, may your Spirit transform this bread and cup into signs of Christ's living presence and engrave upon our hearts the life-transforming image of Christ.

All: With all companions of Christ's way in every time and place, we praise your holy name. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

One: Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to eat at the table of Jesus Christ.

All: We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood.

One: By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will.

All: Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor or leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christian whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** *We Are One in the Spirit* #300

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in back of the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘all of us possess knowledge.’ Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that ‘no idol in the world really exists’, and that ‘there is no God but one.’ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ‘Food will not bring us close to God.’ We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 2/3 Communion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Souper Bowl of Caring

6:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

6:00 p.m. *UPC Volleyball*

MONDAY 2/4

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Mtg.

TUESDAY 2/5

4:30 – 9:00 p.m. *Youth Soccer League*

WEDNESDAY 2/6

4:00 p.m. Deacon’s Meeting

4:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up Happy Birthday – Tom Vosburgh

THURSDAY 2/7

10:30 a.m. Quilting Group

Happy Birthday – Linda Wigehers

FRIDAY 2/8

6:00 p.m. *Scout Sleepover*

SATURDAY 2/9

9:30 a.m. *Piano Recital – Area Students*

2:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Court of Honor – Willem McClellan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING THIS WEEK

Board of Deacons Wednesday, February 6 at 4:00 p.m.
Quilting Group Thursday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

All are invited today to help provide for the hungry in Superior. Please bring monetary or food donations. All donations will be given to Ruth House.

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Ruth House is a non-denominational Christ-based ministry which serves primarily homeless populations in Duluth and Superior. At the end of November, the drop-in center at 1901 N. 12th Street in Superior was opened. It is a safe, drug-free place to come and warm up, have a meal, as well as get connected with services to alleviate homelessness or at the very least, remove some of the barriers the homeless face.

PIANO RECITAL

The students of Alex Sandor will be having a piano recital on Saturday, February 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. here at United Presbyterian Church.

EAGLE SCOUT HONOR

The congregation is cordially invited to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Willem McClellan from Troop 213 on Saturday, February 9, at 2:00 p.m. to be held here at United Presbyterian. Refreshments to follow.

BIBLE STUDY RESCHEDULED

Due to a scheduling conflict, Adult Bible Study has been rescheduled in February. The class will be held earlier in the month on **Wednesday, February 6th at 9:00 a.m.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We are currently looking for Winter and Spring Sunday School Teachers. Look for a sign-up sheet at the back of the Narthex. Choose the date or dates you would like to teach class. Simple curriculum will be provided. Contact Christy Willmore at 218-590-8294 with any questions.

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Letsos at 715-394-6009
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

GUEST PASTOR

Reverend Susan Goodin

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Kathy Lehman &
Bonnie Gronquist