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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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25th, 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

How Our Hearts With Joy Abound #333

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who goes on the journey with us, we love you. God who doesn't abandon us, we adore you. God who makes a way, we give you praise for all these moments where life seemed bleak and you showed up. Forgive us God, often there are moments where our trust waivers in the midst of difficulty. When we are down and out, make yourself known to us, just like you did for Hagar and Ishmael. Amen.

*HYMN How Firm a Foundation #463

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Every time we do communion here at United we have a little explanation about who communion is for, and we explicitly include this line:

"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." Jesus Christ's love and grace is greater than anything we can imagine including our wavering trust, or sin. 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.)

Children are invited to gather in the narthex for Children's Church.

RESPONSE O Lord, Our Lord #613

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading Romans 6:1b-11

SERMON "God's Still There: Lost In The Wilderness"

Rev. Brett M Foote

Old Testament Reading Genesis 21:9-12a,
13-17,19-20a

*HYMN His Eye Is On The Sparrow #661

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

*RESPONSE We Give Thee But Thine Own (vs. 1) #708

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who meets us in the wilderness at our breaking points, we come before you in worship humbly asking for your blessing. A blessing so that we may be loving neighbors, so that we might elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized, and so that we might be good friends and companions on the journey. 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, Foxboro 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 Are Marching In The Light of God #853

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 6/25

10:00 AM Morning Worship

10:15 AM Children's Church

Spiritual Formation Committee—Lunch following Service

6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 6/26

Church BWCA Trip

10 AM—12 PM Piano Lessons

5:30—8 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 6/27

Church BWCA Trip

10 AM Pickleball

4—7 PM Piano Lessons

6 PM Softball vs The River—Field 2

WEDNESDAY 6/28

10 AM Pickleball

12 PM Staff Meeting

2-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 6/29

7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 6/30

UPBeat Mailing

SATURDAY 7/1

6 PM AA Speaker Meeting

Birthdays This Week

6/25 Acacia Nikoi

6/26 Marcia Olson

6/28 Andrew Lisak

6/29 Dustin Anderson

7/1 Marianne Aker

7/1 Paul Buckley

LOOKING AHEAD

July 4
July 20

Office Closed—Independence Day
All Church Picnic—Billings Park

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

Romans 6:1b-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 21:9-12a,13-17,19-20a

But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your off-spring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy,

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

Join us for pickleball every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday at 10:00 AM**.
There will be no pickleball Tuesday, July 4th.

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 bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you!

PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

UPC played hard against Hope Community! Zach made some good force outs at 2b, Dawn had a nice force out at home plate, Pastor Brett made a great throw from left field to Jay at 3b for a tag out, and Aiden scored a run too!

Thanks to all our UPC fans!

We're looking forward to our next game on June 27th at 58th St Field 2 vs The River!

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

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.

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OUR SABBATH MONTH & CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK

United, we will be taking the month of July off from all committee meetings as a concerted effort to rest as a church. This will culminate with a church wide potluck in Billings Park at Pavilion 1 on Thursday, July 20 at 5:30 PM. Please bring a plate, utensils, and cup as well as a dish or dessert to share. Some food and snacks (as well as backup utensils and plates) will be provided by the church. We will have Cornhole and a few others games to be played as well. We hope to see everyone there. Last years potluck was amazing and we are hoping for a great time again.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

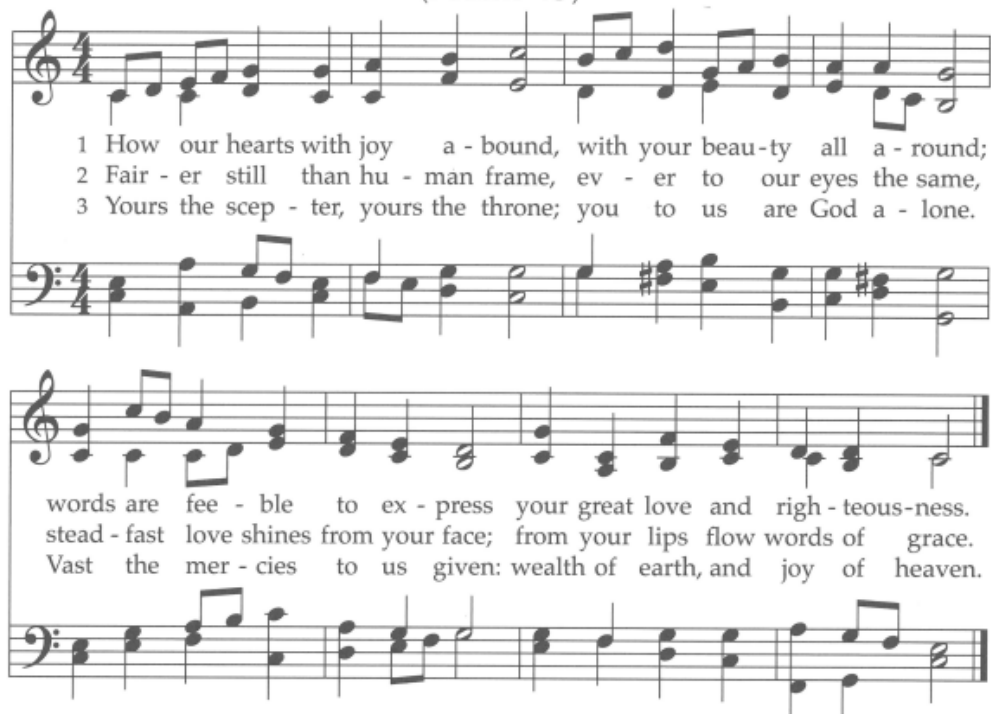
Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating UPC's 25th Anniversary the evening of October 7th, at Barker's Island Inn. Plan on enjoying dinner and dessert with your United Family. More info to come this fall!

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, June 23rd, 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.

333 How Our Hearts with Joy Abound

(Psalm 45)



1 How our hearts with joy a - bound, with your beau-ty all a - round;
 2 Fair - er still than hu - man frame, ev - er to our eyes the same,
 3 Yours the scep - ter, yours the throne; you to us are God a - lone.

words are fee - ble to ex - press your great love and righ - teous-ness.
 stead - fast love shines from your face; from your lips flow words of grace.
 Vast the mer - cies to us given: wealth of earth, and joy of heaven.

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How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

613

O Lord, Our Lord

How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the

earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O

Lord, we mag-ni-fy your name: Prince of Peace, might-y

God; O Lord God Al-might-y.

661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?
2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,
3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,

Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,
and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,

when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:
I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:

his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;

his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

Refrain

I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)

for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba oo oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba oo oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing...
We are praying...
We are singing...