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<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

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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

Third Sunday in Easter

April 23rd, 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** Be Not Afraid (3x) #243

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of open tables, we thank you for setting a feast before us! We confess, that we often do not set the table for others. We are often all talk and no action. Forgive us for not setting the table. Forgive us for when we are all talk. The more the words, the less the meaning. Let us set the table well. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

***HYMN** Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #727

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Table setters, even when we forget to thaw the turkey or the ham was put into the oven way too late, when we decide to hold our love back and don't set a wider table, when we forget to offer a blessing for our guest or our meal, when we are too exhausted to break bread and we cancel plans. God loves us, God isn't upset with us. God still sets the table for us and others. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel, because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection.

All: We can all experience resurrection, we are all offered peace, and we are all forgiven.

***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 God Welcomes All (4x) #399
Children are invited to gather in the narthex for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Tom Vosburgh
Old Testament Reading Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

BELL CHOIR Lake Superior Prayer

SERMON "Table Setters: Finding God In The Meals We Bless & Share"
Rev. Brett M Foote
New Testament Reading Luke 24:13,15-16,18-20,22-23,27-31,33-35

THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS & DEACONS

Those being ordained and installed today to the office of Ruling Elder: Erica Schulz, Dave Larson, Bev Vosburgh, Sandy LeMieux, Debbie Bergstrom.
Those being installed to the office of Ruling Elder: Jason Matthias.
Those being installed to the office of Deacon: Cathy Hecht, Lyn Larson, Tom Jacobson, Dean Hecht.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

1 COR. 12:4-7, 27

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

***PROFESSION OF FAITH (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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Gracious and eternal God,
with joy we give you thanks and praise...
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Be all glory and honor, now and forever.

All: Amen.

One: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

***HYMN** Come Live in the Light #749

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE**

Give Thanks

Alex Sandor

#647

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"

Let the poor say, "We are rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us!" (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of big meals and large tables, may we be good stewards of these gifts, for they are yours. May we be loving neighbors. May all those who have been pushed aside or had their voices ignored find in us good friends and companions on the journey. As we give of our time, talents, or treasures, may we practice resurrection. Help us to be Christians, little Christs out in Superior. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth and the rest of the Northland may know your resurrection love. 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**

For the Beauty of the Earth

#14

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 24:13,15-16,18-20,22-23,27-31,33-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, April 21st, 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.

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

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:

Remaining Dates: **April 26th; May 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th**

Join us Wednesdays in April and May as we learn to plan AHEAD. We are continuing to host a 7-session workshop, taught by Chelsea Thompson, covering the topics of getting started, handling financial changes, advance medical and legal directives, estate planning, choices in end-of-life care, final wishes, and understanding grief. **All sessions are from 3-4 PM in the UPC Youth Room. Feel free to come to one or all!**

FIRST ADVENTURE OF 2023: May 8th at 4:00 PM

The Adventure Group is back at it! We will meet in **Canal Park** to walk around and enjoy the Spring air. We plan to find a place to eat and enjoy a beverage. If you need a ride, carpooling will be available at the church at 3:30 PM.

SPRING CLEAN UP AT UPC: May 21st following church service

Please join us as we freshen up the church for the upcoming season.

Join us for pickleball every **Tuesday from 4-6 PM.**

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!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is staffed 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Stop by the Nursery and meet Iris, our Nursery Coordinator and her volunteer assistants. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

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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. Children's Church will not meet for the month of May — we will resume on June 4.

SUMMER CAMP

Clearwater Forest offers summer camp opportunities for a variety of ages! The theme this year is: What's in a Name. If you would like more information please visit: <https://clearwaterforest.org/summer-camp/>. There is a camp scholarship available through our presbytery. Please connect with Laura after the service or send an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will be celebrating our graduates on May 21! If you or someone you know is graduating please connect with Laura after the service or send an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com by May 14.

SOFTBALL

Softball season is almost here! If you are looking for some summer fun come out and join the team! No previous experience needed. There will be an informational meeting and practice after the service on April 30. Our meeting will take place in the Youth Room, and then we'll head to the gym for practice. We will also be practicing on May 7 and May 14 at 4p in the gym. If you are not available for the meeting, but would like more information, connect with Jill or Laura after the service or send an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

SOFTBALL T-SHIRTS

You are invited to buy a United softball t-shirt this year! Our team name is the Burnin' Beets. The shirt is moisture-wicking with an awesome logo on the front — designed by Nick Long. The cost is \$20. You can find order forms on the back table in the narthex or you can send an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com with your name and size. The purchase of this shirt will help raise funds for our league fee. Thank you for your support! **Payment and order forms are due to Laura by Sunday, May 7.**

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 4/23

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
10:15 AM Children's Church
11 AM Mission Committee
6 PM Volleyball
6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 4/24

4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 4/25

3:45-7:30 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Pickleball

WEDNESDAY 4/26

12 PM Staff Meeting
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
3-4 PM Planning AHEAD Workshop
4-4:45 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 4/27

1 PM UPBeat Packing
5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 4/28

UPBeat Mailing

SATURDAY 4/29

Birthdays This Week

4/24 Londa Hatch
4/24 Brian Schmitt
4/28 Anthony Simensen

LOOKING AHEAD

April 30
May 2

Softball Meeting & Practice
BBQ Rib Dinner

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>

Celebrate Our Garden and Our Confirmand on Sunday, May 7!

On Sunday, May 7, we have a lot to celebrate! Not only is it Confirmation Sunday, but it is also Planting Day for the 2023 UPC Community Garden. So EVERYONE is invited to a potluck, which will take place right after the church service. Bring whatever dish you wish, but we suggest one featuring something that will be grown in this year's garden: tomatoes, lettuce, potatoes, onions, green beans, carrots, rutabaga, garlic, zucchini, beets, and rhubarb. Yummy desserts will be supplied.

We'd love it if you'd also bring the recipe for your dish to share.

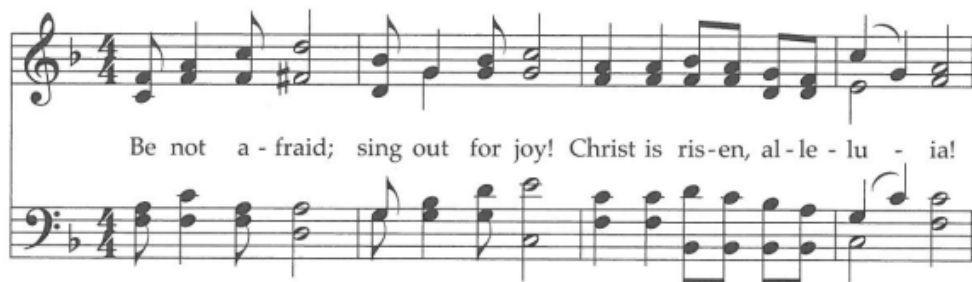
After the potluck, there are more activities for our Community Garden kickoff. Our gardeners will be provided with gardening tips by our guests, Jon and Holly Wolfe, who are Master Gardeners in Duluth. The gardeners will also pick up their seeds and plants, receive a tour of the garden (if needed), and, if weather allows, get started with their planting. Anyone who wants to is welcome to stay for Jon and Holly's presentation and/or help out with the planting.

Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com or 218-348-6032.

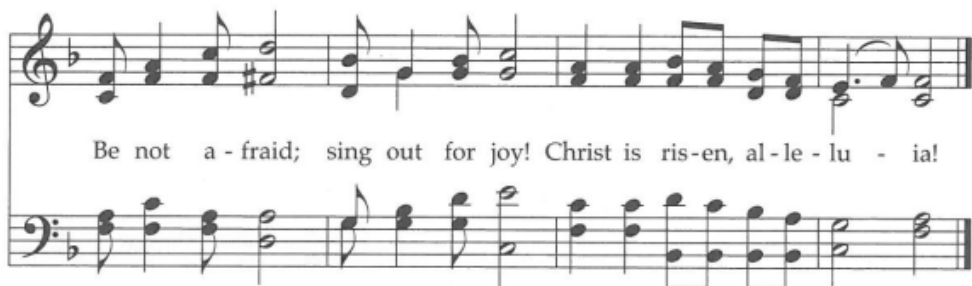


Be Not Afraid

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



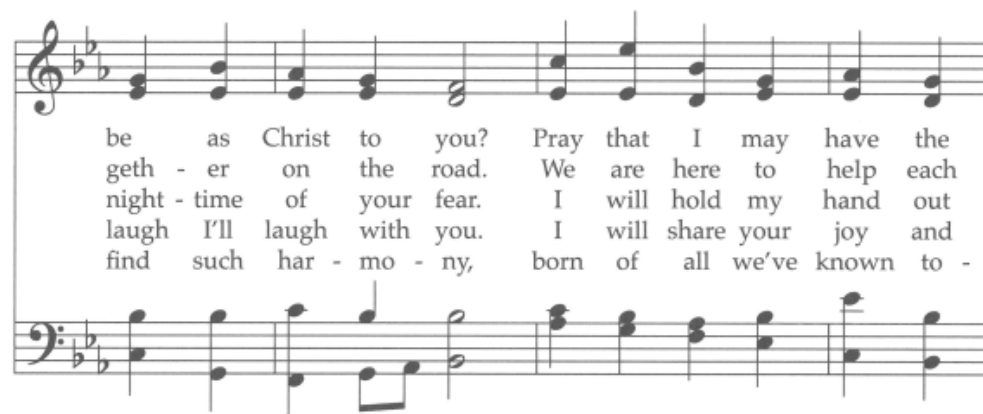
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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
(repeat stanza 1)

God Welcomes All

399

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

749

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,

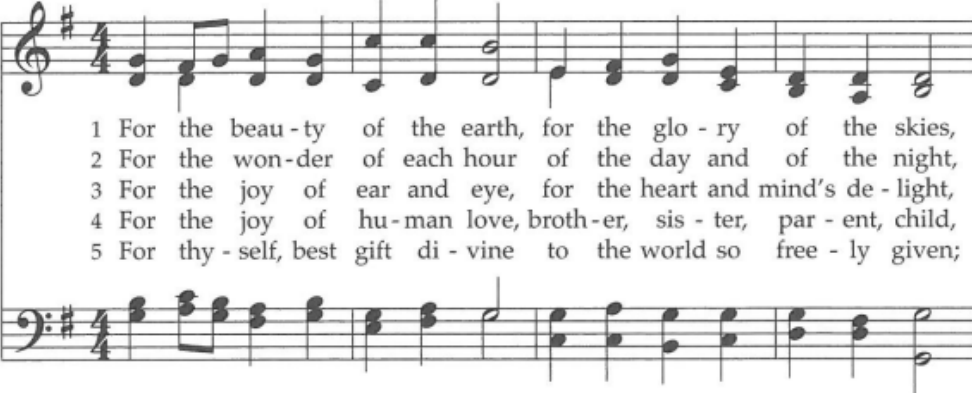
to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
vio - lence will be no more.
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

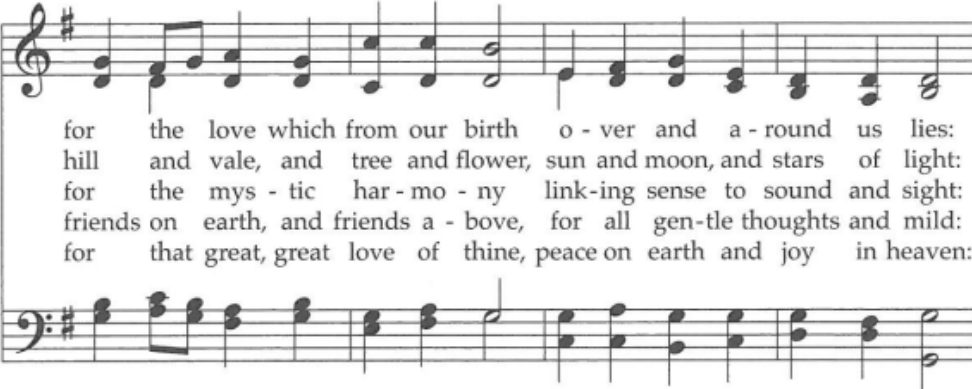
Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

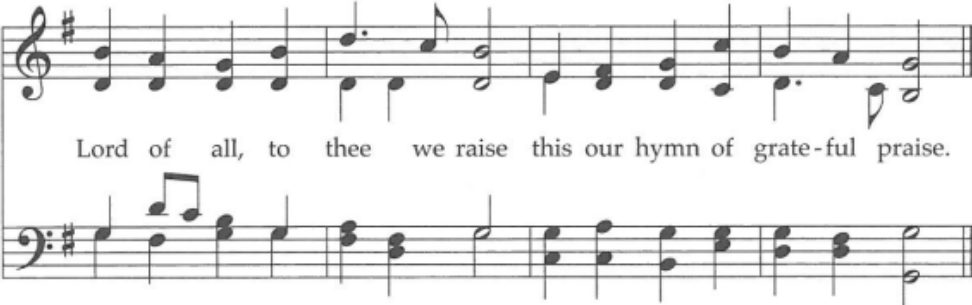


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.