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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) 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

Sixth Sunday in Easter

May 14th, 2023

10:00 AM

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**A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**



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**

Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House #419

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of our mothers and those who have been mothers to us, we give thanks to you for the faith that has been passed down to us by women. For birth, nurture, strength, and resilience that is from God we give you praise. We confess that we have made gods out of created things: Money, property, security, nature, success, and more. We confess that sometimes we are afraid to let our image of God change. Our images grow static and stale. Forgive us for that. Help our imaginations run wild. Help us to have fuller pictures of who you are. Thank you God. Amen.

***HYMN** For All The Faithful Women #324

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: United, growth and change are hard. People we love have passed down images of who God is to us. We cherish those pictures. Sometimes we become comfortable with the images of God that we've known or been given. Jesus wasn't white. Jesus was gentle as well as a table flipping revolutionary. Does God have a beard? Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes as fire and ecstatic experiences as well as a gentle white dove. Sometimes we reject the new images of God that the Spirit reveals to us. The good news is that even if we don't want to see God from a different angle right now, God will continue to reveal new angles and images as we grow. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel, because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection.

All: We all can experience resurrection 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 Our God is an Awesome God (3x) #616

SCRIPTURE READINGS Claire Matthias
Old Testament Reading Exodus 32:1-8

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM Woman in the Night

SERMON "All Our Graven Images" Rev. Brett M Foote
New Testament Reading Acts 17:22-29

***HYMN** A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar #201

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 our mothers, 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, Solon Springs 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 (Adapted from the 1989 New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book influenced by the Maori & Polynesian traditions.)

All: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Parent of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** Woman in the Night #161

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 5/14

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
4 PM Softball Practice
6 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 5/15

Tiff Out of Office
4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons
5 PM Spiritual Formation Committee

TUESDAY 5/16

3:45-7:30 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Pickleball
6 PM Staff Appreciation Dinner
6 PM Softball vs Bayside—Field 1

WEDNESDAY 5/17

10 AM Pickleball
12 PM Staff Meeting
1 PM Caregiver Conversations
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
3-4 PM Planning AHEAD Workshop
4-5:30 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 5/18

5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:15 PM Session Meeting
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 5/19

SATURDAY 5/20

12:30 PM Robert Perrault Funeral

Birthdays This Week

5/15 David Lehman
5/17 Jenny Ostrowski
5/19 Trent Anderson
5/20 Pam McGraw

LOOKING AHEAD

May 22	UPBeat Deadline
May 29	Office Closed—Memorial Day

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>

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 32:1-8

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:22-29

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, May 12th, 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:

Planning AHEAD has been a huge success so far, and you can always join in on the fun. The 7-session workshop, taught by Chelsea Thompson, covers 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. Join us on Wednesdays from 3-4 PM through May 24th as we continue to learn how to plan ahead for our futures.

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

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

ANOTHER ADVENTURE TO LOOK FOR: Please join us for our second adventure of the year! We will hike the Millennium Trail on **June 12th** at 4:00 PM and enjoy dinner at the Shack at 5:00 PM.

Join us for pickleball every **Tuesday at 4:00 PM** and **Wednesday at 10:00 AM**

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!

GETTING 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!

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN TEAM

Many thanks to all those who made last Sunday's potluck a success, ranging from those who brought all the great food (including yummy garden-themed desserts!), to those who did the set-up, to those who helped with the clean-up. We appreciate all your efforts very much.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

UPC has had some good practices under Coach Jill's direction! We have practiced our fielding drills, batting, and throwing to 2nd base and cutoff. We're looking forward to our first game on May 16th at 58th St Field 1 vs Bayside!

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

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

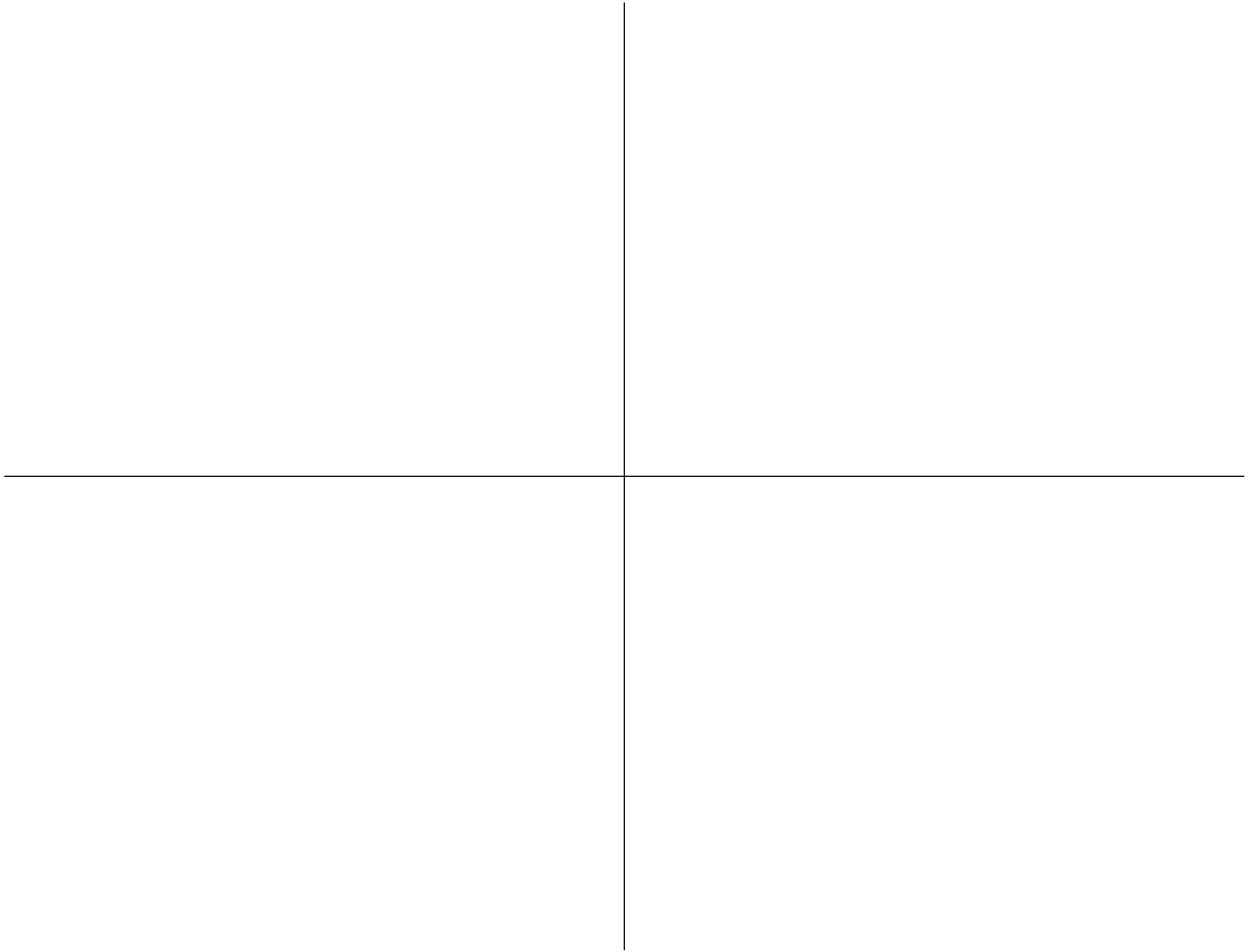
We will be celebrating our graduates next Sunday, May 21! If you or someone you know is graduating please connect with Laura after the service or send an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com by this Sunday, May 14.

SOFTBALL

Softball season is almost here! If you are looking for some summer fun come out and join the team! No previous experience needed. We will be practicing this Sunday, May 14 at 4p in the gym. If you were not able to make it to the meeting, but would like more information, connect with Jill or Laura after the service or send an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

HOLY SMOKIN' BARBEQUE

Mark your calendars for our Holy Smokin' BBQ! This is a fundraiser for our youth mission trip this summer! The event will take place here at UPC on June 1st at 5 PM. Come enjoy live music by Ross Thorn, good food, and gather around a fire with a yummy s'more. There will be jackfruit available for anyone who would prefer that over pulled pork. This will be a fantastic way to start the summer! Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids. If you would like to volunteer your time or good cooking, sign up sheets are available at the back of the Narthex! If you have any questions, reach out to Laura after the service or send an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.



Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House

(Psalm 15)

Capo 1: (A7) (D) (Bm7) (G) (Bm) (A7)
B \flat 7 E \flat Cm7 A \flat Cm B \flat 7

1 Lord, who may dwell with - in your house or
2 Who have no guile up - on their tongues nor
3 Who do no wrong, but keep their word and

(D) (Bm7) (A) (A7) (G) (D)
E \flat Cm7 B \flat B \flat 7 A \flat E \flat

on your ho - ly hill? Those who do good and
harm their neigh - bor's life, but hon - or those who
seek no bribe or gain. All those who do such

(G) (A) (D) (Bm) (A7) (D)
A \flat B \flat E \flat Cm B \flat 7 E \flat

speaking the truth, whose lives are blame - less still;
fear the Lord and turn a - way from strife;
things shall live and safe from harm re - main.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
E \flat Cm7 A \flat B \flat E \flat

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
B \flat E \flat Cm7 Fm B \flat

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
F B \flat A \flat B \flat E \flat

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
Cm7 A \flat B \flat E \flat Fm B \flat E \flat

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Our God Is an Awesome God 616

Awesome God

Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove
with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

Chords: C, G, D, Em, C, G, Am, Em, B7, Em

201 A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

1 A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar, by Love's di-vine ap-
2 A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb by Love's di-vine com-
3 Though wom-an-wis-dom, wom-an-truth, for cen-tu-ries were
4 The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls, by Love's di-vine or-

point-ing. With rare per-fume she filled the room, pre-
mis-sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a-
hid-den, un-sung, un-writ-ten, and un-heard, de-
dain-ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their

sid-ing and a-noint-ing. A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar,
ris-ing from sub-mis-sion. A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb,
rid-ed and for-bid-den, the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire,
powers and gifts un-chain-ing. The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls,

the sneers of scorn de-fy-ing. With rare per-fume she
with res-ur-rec-tion gos-pel. She saw; she heard; she
on free and slave de-scend-ing, can tum-ble our di-
from wom-en, men, and chil-dren, the friends we need, to

filled the room, pre - par - ing Christ for dy - ing.
 preached the Word, a - pos - tle to a - pos - tles.
 vid - ing walls, our shame and sad - ness mend - ing.
 serve and lead. Re - joice, and make them wel - come!

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Woman in the Night

1 Wom-an in the night, spent from giv - ing birth,
 2 Wom-an at the well, ques - tion the Mes - siah;
 3 Wom-an in the house, nur - tured to be meek,
 4 Wom-en on the hill, stand when men have fled;

guard our pre - cious light; peace is on the earth.
 find your friends and tell: drink your heart's de - sire!
 leave your sec - ond place, lis - ten, think, and speak!
 Christ needs lov - ing still, though your hope is dead.

Wom-an in the crowd, creep - ing up be - hind,
 Wom-an at the feast, let the righ - teous stare;
 Wom-en on the road, from your sick - ness freed,
 Wom-en in the dawn, care and spic - es bring,

touch - ing is al - lowed: seek and you will find!
 come and go in peace; love him with your hair!
 wit - ness and pro - vide, join - ing word and deed:
 ear - li - est to mourn, ear - li - est to sing!

Refrain

Come and join the song, wom - en, chil - dren, men.

Je - sus makes us free to live a - gain!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.