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If you'd like to join virtually, please connect with the following link:
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>
(If you are here in person we offer hearing assistance devices-see technology desk.)

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before worship for children newborn–4 years old. After the Passing of the Peace, children ages 5 through 5th grade may meet at the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the worship service. Share a request in the comments section. Additionally, the Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Dorothy Burriss 817-715-0968 (macb.dlb@sbcglobal.net) or Dean Hecht at 715-919-1325.

RIDE SHARE

Need a ride? Please check the bulletin board by the fire extinguisher in the narthex.

Children's Church Ministry Leader	Melinda Yingling
Church Secretary	Reese Stariha
Custodian	Mariah Weiss
Financial Secretary	Cathy Hecht
Interim Director of Spiritual Formation	Jenna Slagter
Nursery Coordinators	Andrew Lisak & Annika Nikoi
Organist & Pianist	Alexander Sandor
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Online Worship

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 23rd, 2026

10:00 AM

If you're 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #12

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God, we have often ignored, marginalized and abandoned those who You say need us the most.

All: You have shown us the path through Your son Jesus, though at times we stray.

One: Forgive us, Lord, when we overlook those who need assistance.

All: Forgive us for not always seeing Christ in the poor and the downtrodden.

One: Help us remember that Christ loved all of humanity.

All: May You continue to remind us that Your love and compassion rules above all laws on Earth.

One: Give us the vision and guidance to follow and practice Your son's teachings.

All: In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: UPC, what's the buzz, tell me what's-a-happening?

All: You haven't heard? God has forgiven us all!

One: Say again? What's the buzz, tell me what's a happening?

All: God has pardoned us for our mistakes!

One: I hear you now! The Lord God's forgiveness is granted to us all!

All: We thank God for his tender love and the forgiveness of our sins.

***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 by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

***RESPONSE** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (vs 1) #582

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jackie Pananen

New Testament Romans 12:1-8

Sermon God Rules Over the Flock Timothy Anderson

Old Testament

Exodus 1:15-2:10

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION Haji

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE** God, We Honor You #709

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: Lord God, continue to remind us that You and Your laws are King. Please continue to show us to the overlooked and abandoned. Give us the strength to help raise them up. Thank You for these gifts. Let us recognize and use these gifts to continue to serve in Your name. May Your grace and mercy show us how to heal the Twin Ports community. Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Here's our suggested version, but feel free to pray the version you are most familiar with.)

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** Go to the World! #295

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC JOB OPENINGS

UPC is hiring 2 Nursery Coordinators and 1 Children's Church Ministry Leader to support our youngest members.

- Nursery Coordinator — \$16.32/hour
- Children's Church Ministry Leader — \$18.00/hour

If you're interested, please send your resume to Ephraim Nikoi at ephraimnikoi@gmail.com and Jonathan Asp at aspjonathan@gmail.com

UPC VOLLEYBALL

This weeks game is at 6:40 PM. Come on out to Aces and cheer on the Burnin' Beets!

PDA BAGS UPDATE

Thank you all for the donations so far! Below is a list of the items we still need to successfully fill 50 bags.

- Blunt scissors (rounded tip)— **36/50—still need 14**
- 70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)—**115/150—still need 35**
- hand held pencil sharpener— **35/50—still need 15**
- new pencils with erasers—**280/300—still need 20**

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Join us on Saturday, September 5th for a Progressive Dinner at Amnicon Lake starting at 1:00 PM. There will be swimming, tubing, volleyball, and plenty of other excitement. See the flyer hanging in the narthex for more details. Also, there is a sign-up sheet if you plan to attend. Contact Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003, or the office with any questions.

FALL SMALL GROUPS

It's time to look forward to Fall Small Groups! We are in need of hosts and leaders for this season of learning. This year, groups will make their way through "Appreciate These Things" by Jill J. Duffield. The book will lead groups through a deep reflection of Philippians 4:8: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." <https://youtu.be/XToHywTIP6Q> Sign-up forms will be available next week. Groups will begin the week of September 27 and meet through November 15 (8 weeks) and books will cost \$12.

OUTSIDE GARBAGE CANS

If you place food in the outside dumpster, please splash a bit of bleach inside the lid. We've had bears getting into the garbage recently, and this helps deter them. Contact Dean Hecht (715-919-1325) with any questions.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 12:1-8

12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. **3** For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **4** For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, **5** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. **6** We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; **7** ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; **8** the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 1:15-2:10

1:15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, **16** "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." **17** But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. **18** So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" **19** The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." **20** So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. **21** And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. **22** Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live." **2:1** Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. **2** The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. **3** When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. **4** His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. **5** The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. **6** When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. **7** Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" **8** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. **9** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. **10** When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

WAYS TO SERVE

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United!

**Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.*

- Coffee Hour*—Make coffee and bring treats for everyone.
- Liturgist*—Being a liturgist is a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings and our call to worship.
- Crafters Group—Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the crafting room inside the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office to learn more.
- Community Dinner—Our next community dinner will be Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 PM. To learn more, contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! Contact Jenna at jenna.slagter@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church—Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith! Children's Church takes place during the Sunday service. Contact Jenna at jenna.slagter@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk—Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly, or monthly basis. Training will be provided! Questions? Contact Mac Burris 304-890-2375.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC. All are welcome!
- Sand Volleyball—Come watch every Wednesday night at Aces in Superior. See the bulletin or church calendar for game times. Contact the office or Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003 with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January, February, and July) at 9:30 AM. December and June meetings are lunches at 12:30 PM. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.
- Adventure Group Hikes—Today after worship we'll be hiking Millennium Trail in Superior, WI and meeting right after church. Then next Sunday, August 30th after worship we'll be hiking and swimming at Wisconsin Point and meeting at lot #1. Contact Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673 with any questions.
- Munch Bunch—Thursday, September 3rd at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner The Backyard on Amnicon Lake in Superior, WI. You can reach out to Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673 with any questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/23

Coffee Hour—After Worship
Hike Millennium Trail—After Worship

TUESDAY 8/25

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
5:30 PM Personnel Committee

THURSDAY 8/27

10:00 AM Pickleball

SATURDAY 8/29

MONDAY 8/24

WEDNESDAY 8/26

UPBeat Deadline
10:00 AM Crafters Group
11:30 AM Great Lakes Lunch
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
6:40 PM Volleyball @ Aces

FRIDAY 8/28

Birthdays This Week

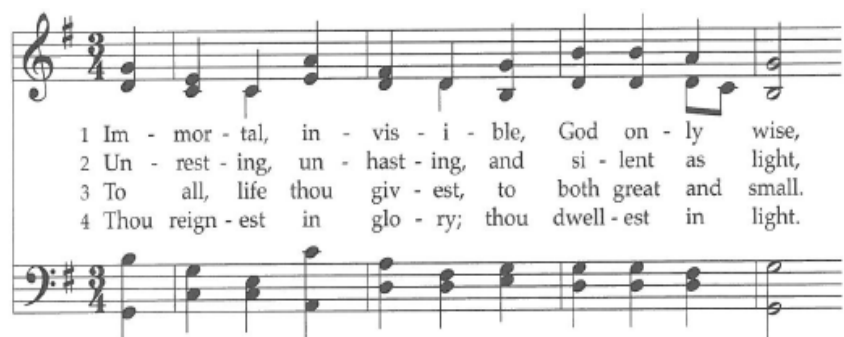
8/23—Camryn Shepard
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8/25—Connie Noble
8/29—Audrey Krube

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

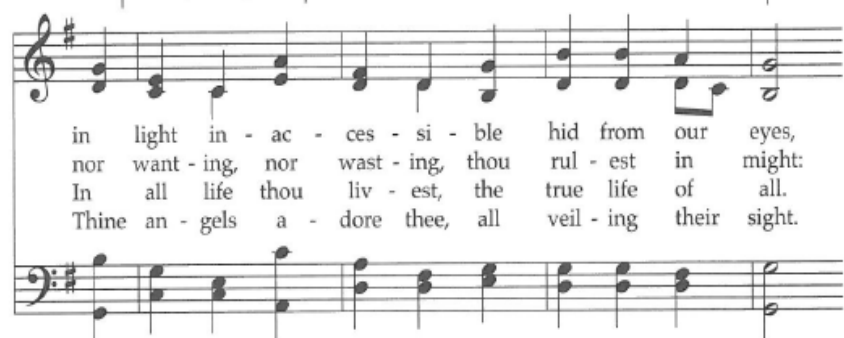
At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. From signing up to volunteer to donating financially, if you'd like to support the mission and vision of the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

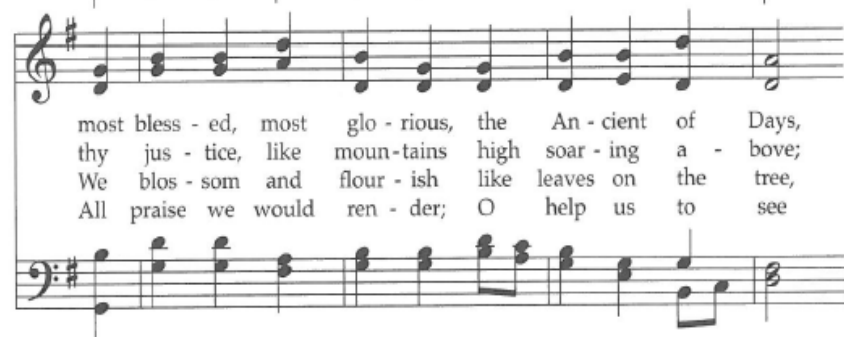
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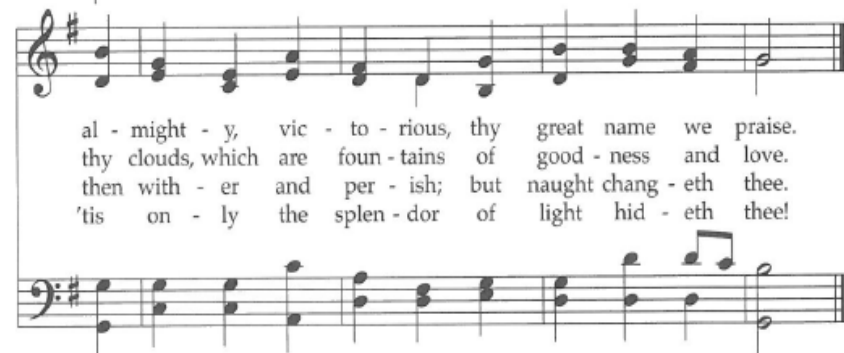
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

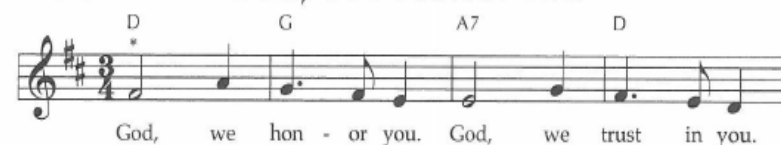


And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

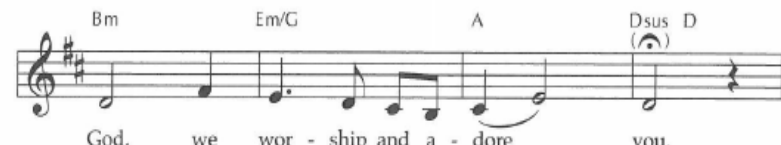


love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

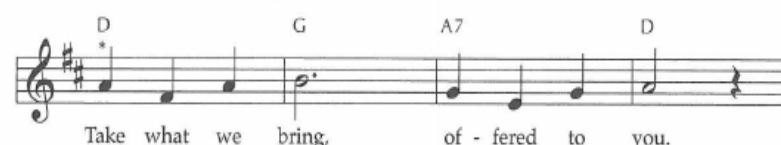
709 God, We Honor You



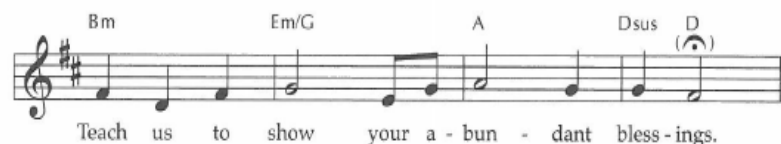
God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.



God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.



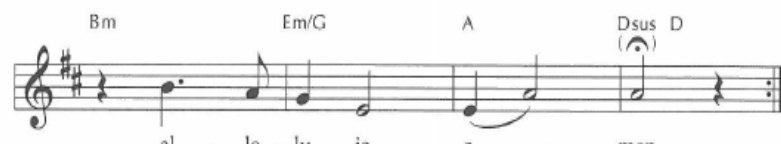
Take what we bring, of - fered to you.



Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.



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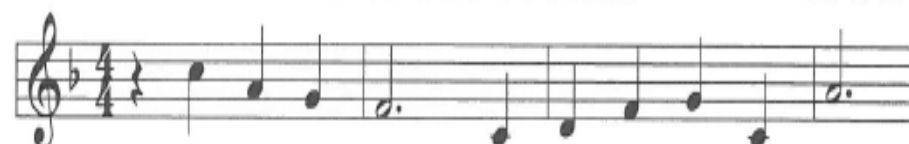


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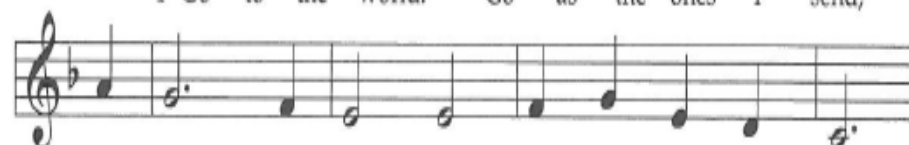
*May be sung as a canon.

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.