

***RESPONSE**

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

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In my heart, In my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

(Repeat with the words, "Lord, I want to be more loving..." (#729, stanzas 1 and 2)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Christy Willmore

Prayer cards may be sent to the front with youth and children who come forward.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Lindsey Olson

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:6-12

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

ANTHEM

One Little Candle

Chancel Choir

Roach and Mysels

Jackie Ranco, Directing

SERMON

Getting Dirty

Rev. Charlotte Frantz

***HYMN**

Will You Come and Follow Me

#726

OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF OGHS OFFERING

2019 Presbytery of Northern Waters PDA trip Bob Goodin

OFFERTORY *Mission Workers Can Provide*

(Nashville/PDA Mission Version)

Written and sung by Dean Hecht, Music by Hank Williams

The flood water came and left its line, took the homes

Of the people and their peace of mind.

Garth came to town and he played for free, but there's

plenty

Left to do here for you and me.

We go under houses and we crawl in the mud,

And we don't come out 'til the job is done.

We bring our own screw guns and our four-wheel drives,

'Cause mission folks can provide; mission folks can provide.

We did a Davenport basement in our knee-high boots

And moccasins were there in the water, too.

We hauled refrigerators out and we went back down,

'Cause the mission workers were in town; mission workers were in town.

Because you can't scare us out, you can't make us run,

'cause we're them old folks raised on John 1.

We say "grace" and we say "ma'am", and we do what we do

In the name of the Lamb.

We've been down to the Bayou and the grain belt plains,

Out to Carolina and back again.

We can load quick, an' when we arrive,

mission workers can provide, mission workers can provide.

We make our own meals and for victims, too;

Ain't many things these old folks can't do.

We serve community dinners for one and for all,

An' the mission folks can provide; mission folks can provide.

Because you can't scare us out, you can't make us run,

'cause we're them old folks raised on John 1.

We say "grace" and we say "ma'am", and we do what we do

In the name of the Lamb.

*We came from the Gitchee-Gumee shoreline,
and the little towns in the Northland Pines.
We can hang rock, we can cut a straight line,
And mission workers can provide; mission workers
can provide.
Mission workers can provide; mission workers can
provide.
Mission workers can provide.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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

#300

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***PRAYER**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: O God, giver of all, bless these gifts and offerings
that they may be used to do your work of caring
for the poor, housing the homeless, feeding those
who are hungry, granting dignity where there
has been shame, and comforting those in
distress. Bless both those who give and those
who receive, for all gifts ultimately come from
you. Amen.**

TIME FOR PRAYER

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Isaiah 58:6-12*

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

GOSPEL READING*Luke 13:1-9*

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUE SHIRT SUNDAY

We dedicate the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during today's worship service.

MEETING THIS WEEK

Presbyterian Women Wednesday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m.
Board of Deacons Wednesday, April 3 at 4:00 p.m.
Worship Committee Thursday, April 4 at 2:30 p.m.
Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 6 at 8:30 a.m.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flower Order Forms will be inserted in the Sunday bulletins for the next few weeks, located on a table in the narthex or may be found in the March UPBeat Newsletter. Forms may be handed into the church office or mailed to the church office. The order deadline is next Sunday, April 7, 2019.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

UPC will be having **Lenten Soup Suppers** during the season of Lent on Wednesday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a brief Worship Gathering in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. followed by **Holy Conversations** beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be special activities for Youth.

YOUTH GRADES 6-12

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a series called "I AM". We will gather at about 6:30 p.m. following the soup dinner (5:30 p.m.) and opening worship (6:15 p.m.)

FISH FRY

Boy Scout Troop 221 will be having a Fish Fry here at UPC every Friday through April 19th. The Friday Fish Fries will be from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$10, for children (ages 4-11) \$7, and children 3 and under are free.

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GRAVESIDE INTERMENT

Bob and Anne Lauer would like to extend an invitation to family and friends to join them for a graveside interment of their son James Lauer. It will be held at Park Hill Cemetery in the Woodland area of Duluth. James will be placed in the Soldiers Rest Area. The date and time are yet to be determined.

SUGGESTION BOX

The Session is making its list of hopes and possibilities for the coming year. Look for the suggestion box, write up your idea, hope or dream for United. How can we better reach out to the community? What do we need to become a stronger, more inclusive community of faith? Are there needs in the community, in our life as a congregation, or in our facility that we should attend to? Are there issues we ought to be learning about or discussing so that our faith and witness grow stronger? Please include some contact information (name, phone number or email address) so we can be back in touch to hear more about your suggestion.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 3/31 4th Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Scout Troop 221 Meeting

6:00 p.m. UPC Volleyball

MONDAY 4/1

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

TUESDAY 4/2

Happy Birthday – Anita Anderson

WEDNESDAY 4/3

9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting

4:00 p.m. Board of Deacon's Meeting

5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper

6:15 p.m. Worship Gathering

6:30 p.m. Holy Conversations/Youth Conversations

Happy Birthday – Dorothy Clowson

THURSDAY 4/4

2:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

FRIDAY 4/5

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 221 Fish Fry

SATURDAY 4/6

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Superior Family Restaurant

Fellowship Hall Reserved 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Simiyu)

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 Heckman at 715-392-1072
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR

Reverend Charlotte Frantz

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Ethel Bartholomew &

Kathy Nelson