

HELPFUL TO KNOW

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.

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Church Secretary
Custodian
Director of Spiritual Formation
Financial Secretary
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Online Worship

**Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time &
Communion Sunday**

July 5th, 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

Gianna Hopke

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** Lord, Prepare Me (2x) #701

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God of easy burdens, You transform and renew us.

All: You call us into the work of the church.

One: Send Your Spirit to invigorate us with clarity, conviction and rest.

All: O Lord, we confess that our hearts are restless until they rest in You!

One: Forgive our restlessness and let us return to You, to take up Your yoke once again.

All: Forgive us gracious God as we take Your yoke upon us as we seek to serve You in our communities all throughout this nation and world.

One: Make us like Jesus in the way we love.

All: Amen!

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God melts away the impurities in our lives.

All: God refines us.

One: May we be reminded often that refinement isn't punishment.

All: In Christ, we are forgiven!

One: Because of His birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: God makes us new every morning! Thanks be to God for a love that refines, calls, and celebrates us. 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 by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

***RESPONSE** Our God Is an Awesome God (3x) #616

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49

Sermon What Comes Next?: The Easy Yoke The Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Matthew 11:25-30

***HYMN** There Is a Balm in Gilead #792

***NICENE CREED**

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** God, We Honor You

Gianna Hopke

#709

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of Superior and the Twin Ports, You have changed our lives forever! You turn our mourning into dancing, our sadness into joy, our tears into victory. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from with care. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. Thank You for each of these gifts. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for this congregation, Superior community, and world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

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

One: For You, living God, the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation.

All: We give You thanks and praise for the resurrection.

One: For You, God of all, the church in its myriad forms and countless languages honors its resurrected Savior. Millions upon millions invite us to be one with them in the drama of worship that brings life and life abundant.

All: We give You thanks and praise for that resurrection truth.

One: In heaven, beyond our seeing, the saints and angels are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost have new life and are part of the great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven.

All: We give You thanks and praise for the grace of new life.

One: So gladly we join our voices to those of earth, lake, and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity beyond death into new life.

***COMMUNION HYMN Come to the Table of Grace (vs 1, 2, 3) #507**

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

One: Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. Here at the church we invite you to come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.

PRAYER FOR AFTER WE'VE BEEN FED

One: O Friend, O Brother Jesus, we have been guests at your table and we've witnessed to Your resurrection; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share.

All: Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope, and love. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN O Beautiful for Spacious Skies #338**

***BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 7/5

11:00 AM Congregational Meeting

MONDAY 7/6

2:30 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 7/7

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
2:30 PM Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY 7/8

10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
6:40 PM Volleyball @ Aces

THURSDAY 7/9

10:00 AM Pickleball
5:30 PM Munch Bunch

FRIDAY 7/10

SATURDAY 7/11

Birthdays This Week

7/5—Ephraim Nikoi
7/6—Sophia Bergstrom
7/8—Cameron Campbell
7/9—Brendan Tuura
7/10—Jackie Ranco
7/11—Irene Eskelson

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>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49

24:34 So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. **35** The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. **36** And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. **37** My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, **38** but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' **42** "I came today to the spring and said, 'O Lord, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! **43** I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' **44** and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' **45** "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' **46** She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. **47** Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. **48** Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. **49** Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 11:25-30

11:25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; **26** yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. **27** All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. **28** "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC JOB OPENINGS

Do you love working with children and helping them grow in faith? 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

On a warm night, UPC set the ball and played as a team. They went 6-0 last Wednesday. Tom and Tim had some good spikes while Jade and Kayley had some good sets. This week's game is at 6:40 PM. Come on out to Aces and cheer on the Burnin' Beets!

WANTED: GHANA BAG SEWERS

The crafters are working on making "goodie" bags for our Ghana guests in August. We would appreciate help for this project. There are instructions and material included in a kit. Please sign up if you take a kit to sew. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE

Join us Sunday, August 9, for a Farewell Potluck after worship as we thank Pastor Brett and Laura for all they've done. Everyone is welcome to come share food, fellowship, and well-wishes as we send them off with our blessings.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held today after worship to elect an Interim Pastor Nominating Committee.

DRAGON BOAT PADDLERS

We are looking for Dragon Boat paddlers! If you're interested in joining the team, please let Kate Long know (715-392-2206).

- 1 practice week of races.
- Friday, August 21st—Parade of teams.
- Saturday, August 22nd— Race day! (Need full day of commitment)

If you would like to donate towards the fundraising, please give your donations by cash to Kate, or see her for more information on how to give.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Next Sunday, July 12th, we will be worshipping in Billings Park (pavilion #2) at 10:00 AM along with a potluck. Games will follow worship & lunch.

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 Laura at laura.foote@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 Laura at laura.foote@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 Burriess 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—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. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th, at the church. Hostesses will be Dianne Shaw and Jane Wester. All women are cordially invited to attend. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.
- Munch Bunch—Thursday, July 9th at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner at Mazi's Restaurant located at 1015 Tower avenue in Superior.

Lord, Prepare Me

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Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,

I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

Our God Is an Awesome God 616

Awesome God



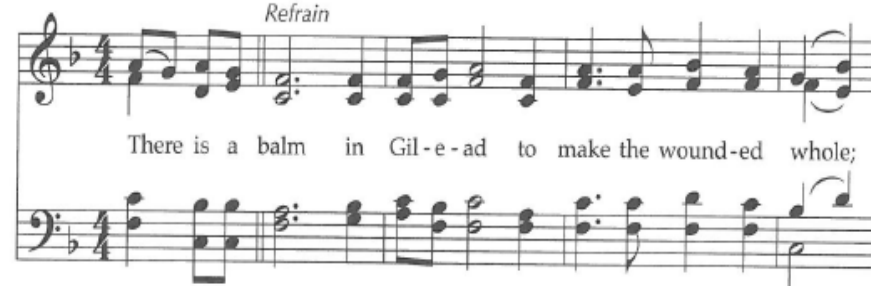
Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove



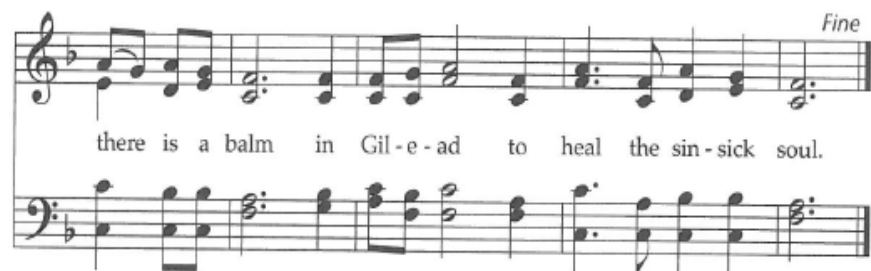
with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

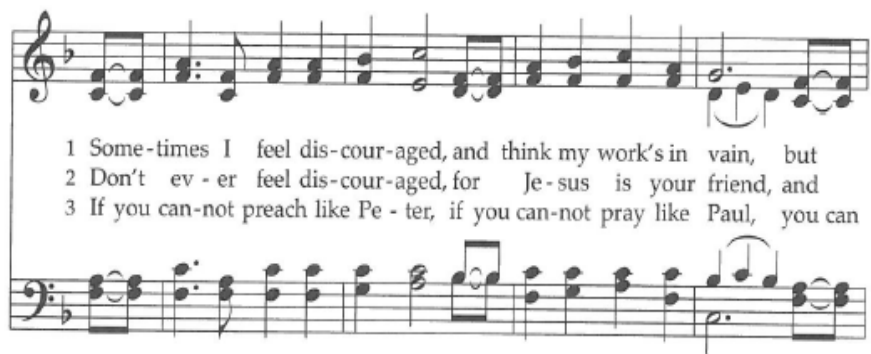


There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



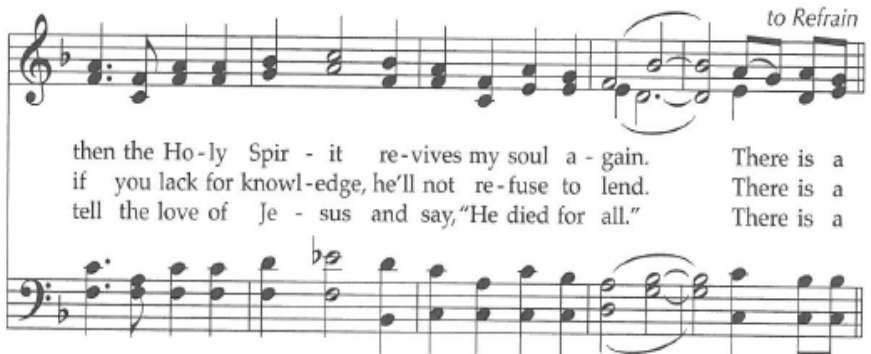
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Fine



- 1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
- 2 Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
- 3 If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

to Refrain



then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain.
if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend.
tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."

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God, We Honor You

D G A7 D
 God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.

Bm Em/G A Dsus D
 God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.

D G A7 D
 Take what we bring, of - fered to you.

Bm Em/G A Dsus D
 Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.

D G A7 D
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Bm Em/G A Dsus D
 al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)

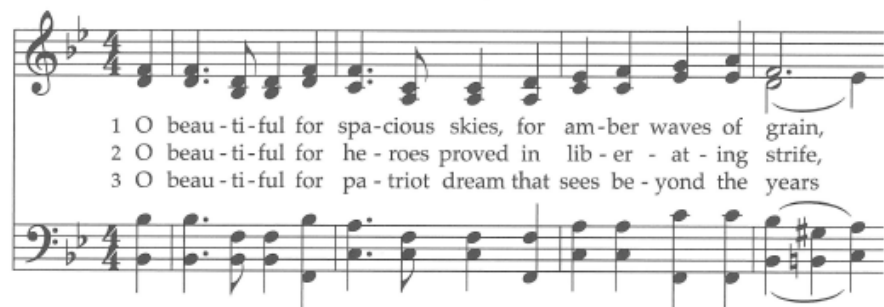
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 1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
 C F C F Gm
 ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

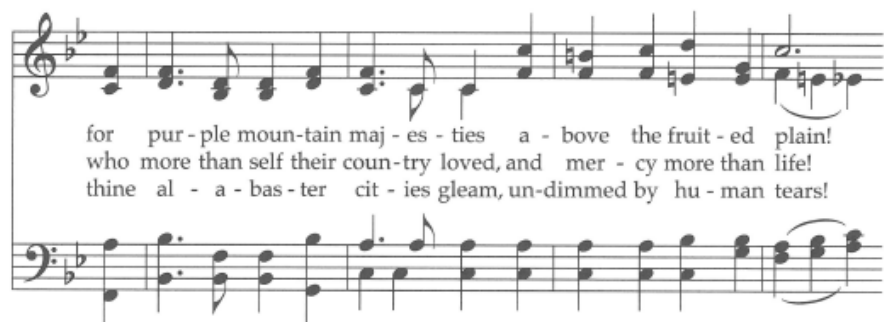
(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 F/A Bb F/C C7 F Bb F
 not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338



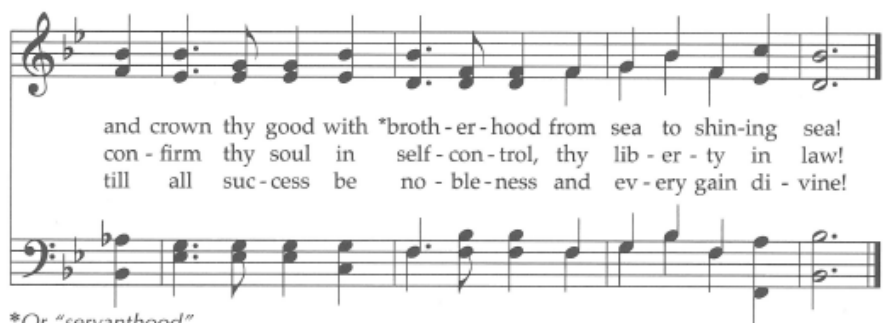
1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine



and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or "servanthood"