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If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship service live, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:

http://upc-superior.com/youtube

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 Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

Pentecost & Scout Sunday

May 28th, 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

From the Rising of the Sun #670

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: Holy Spirit, we give you praise! Holy Spirit, we confess there are times where our actions and words have not been loving. Holy Spirit, we want to be sensitive to your leading, but we aren't always receptive.

One: Come like wind.

All: Come like fire. Come Holy Spirit and bring your truth! Amen.

*HYMN On Pentecost They Gathered #289

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: United, for the guilt you've been holding on to from 10 years ago, 10 months ago, 10 days ago, 10 hours ago, or 10 seconds ago: You are freed. We miss the mark in our lives often, sometimes we participate in systems, organizations, and structures that oppress. The good news is that in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are liberated from guilt, shame, and sin. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel, because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection.

All: We are all forgiven. 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.)

RESPONSE We Are One in the Spirit (vs 1 only) #300

SCRIPTURE READINGS Scouts
Old Testament Reading Joel 2:21-29

SERMON "Expansive Love: Pentecost" Rev. Brett M Foote New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-13, 17-18

*HYMN Spirit of Gentleness #291

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor

#288

*RESPONSE Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: Holy Spirit who gives us courage and audacity, we come before you humbly asking for your blessing. A blessing so that we may we be loving neighbors. A blessing so that we might elevate the voices of those who have been pushed aside. A blessing so that we might be good friends and companions on the journey of life. As we give of our time, talents, or treasures, may we represent the expansive love of God. Help us to reflect Christ at our schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, Gordon and the rest of the Northland may know your "love that goes into the far country." 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 This is My Song #340

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Alex Sandor

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 5/28 10:00 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Mission Committee 6 PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY 5/29
Office Closed—Memorial Day
4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 5/30
10 AM Pickleball
3:45-7:30 PM Piano Lessons
6 PM Softball Practice
6:30 PM Worship Special Meeting

<u>Birthdays This Week</u> 6/3 Roger Anderson

WEDNESDAY 5/31

UPBeat Mailing
10 AM Pickleball
12 PM Staff Meeting
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
4-5:30 PM Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 6/1
5 PM Holy Smokin' BBQ
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 6/2

SATURDAY 6/3
9 AM Piano Recital
6 PM AA Speaker Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

June 5-6 June 7 Pastor Out—Vacation PW Meeting @ Aces

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

Joel 2:21-29

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-13, 17-18

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, May 26th, 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

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 and Wednesday at 10:00 AM

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are currently 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!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The monthly gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be a lunch on Wednesday, June 7 at 12:30 at Ace's. All women are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Bonnie Wallin (715-392-7029) for reservations. PW does not meet in July and August.

GARDENING NEED

A small electric or gas rototiller is needed for the UPC Community Garden. If you have one you would be willing to loan to the church for a week or two, please contact Eric Schlacks at desertswan1@gmail.com, or at 218-269-6678.

PLAY BY PLAY BY JAY

UPC kept it close for a while but lost 20-6 vs Hope Community. Nick had a homerun, and Jay tripled for UPC. Diedrick and Nick has some nice catches in the outfield. Brett and Cathy did a great job at first base. Thanks to Laura for dong the book and the music!

We're looking forward to our next game on June 6th at 58th St Field 3 vs North Bay!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. 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.

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 this Thursday 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 have any questions, reach out to Laura after the service or send an email to Imfoote.upc@gmail.com.





APRIL 10-MAY 28, 2023

A FOUNDATION
OF FAITH
established during
childhood through
young adulthood
helps ensure lifelong
faith and service.
When you give to the
Pentecost Offering,
you are helping to
provide opportunities
for young people to
grow and share in
their faith in Christ.





Through your congregation



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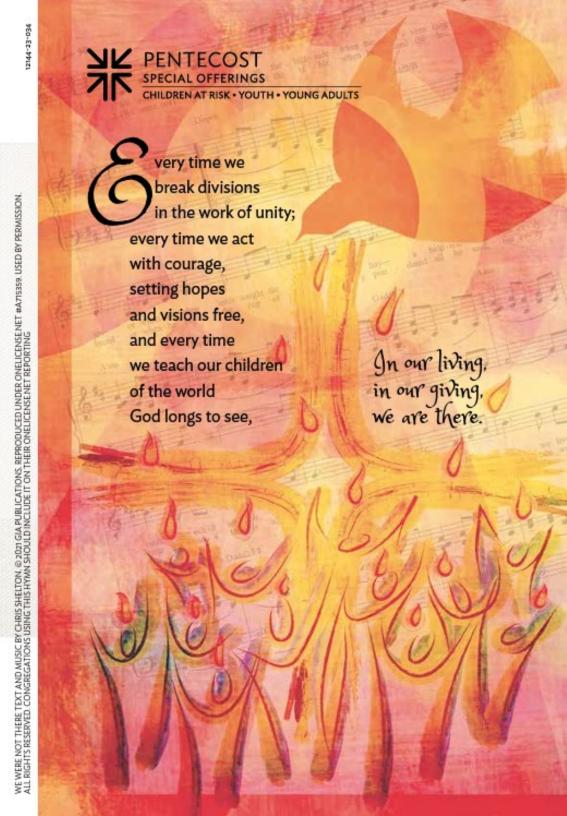
Give online at pcusa.org/donatepentecost



You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by the Pentecost Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA.



The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.





Empowering God, help us to encourage all of your children
to connect with us, one another and you,
that they may grow, thrive and take part
in building up the body of Christ.

AMEN.



A tri-presbytery event, called "Belonging Together," brought together a diverse group of sixth to 12th graders across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This event served to lift up the Matthew 25 vision "to demonstrate as people of God we have a true calling to address division, exclusion and all that goes against the love of Jesus Christ in our world."

"All our events build up the body of Christ in our worship, keynote, small groups and table fellowship," said Leslee Kirkconnell, a ruling elder in the Presbytery of Western Kentucky. "This event emphasized the very real bonds we have as humans, as Christians, as Presbyterians. We learned these bonds must be nurtured and encouraged — that relationships are so important."

We are there

We are there to create opportunities for young people to grow, thrive and take part in building up the body of Christ through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering.

40%

stays with our congregation

to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults.

25%

supports Young Adult Volunteers

(YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25%

supports Ministries with Youth

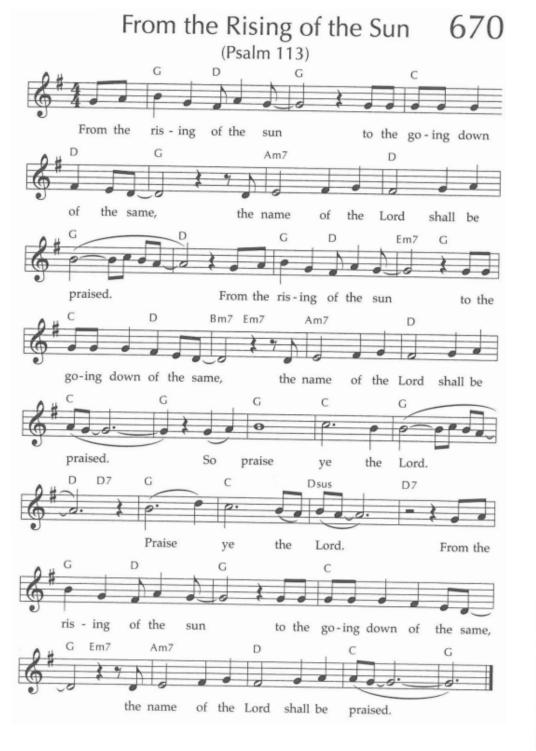
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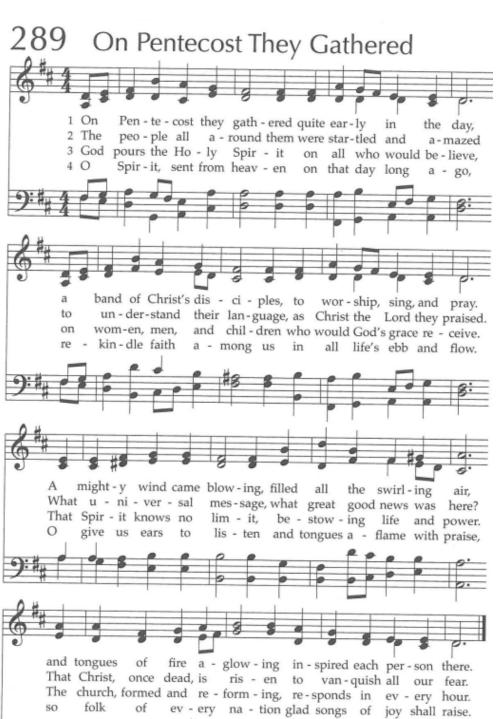
10%

is devoted to children at-risk

and supports to improve education and provide safe havens.

Won't you join us?
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...
FOR IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.





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,



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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:



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