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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.

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Church Secretary

Custodian

Financial Secretary

Interim Director of Spiritual Formation

Nursery Coordinators

Organist & Pianist

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Online Worship

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 2nd, 2026

10:00 AM

* 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 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! #305

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Gracious, inviting God, we thank You for Your expansive welcome

**All: We praise You for Your presence with us as we gather in this place.
We seek to do Your will, to see with Your eyes and love with Your heart.**

One: You continually provide us with opportunities to practice generous hospitality.

All: But our fear of difference, reluctance to share, and desire to be in control make our welcome appear weak and insincere.

One: Because we long for what is familiar and comfortable, we have difficulty honoring the stranger as a sacred guest who bears the face of Christ.

All: Worn out and irritated by the work we think we must do, we miss opportunities to receive the gifts that such guests offer us. Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things. Show us how to do what is right.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! God hears the difficult truths we have named aloud and in the silence of our hearts.

All: God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we are forgiven

One: May the abundance of God's mercy and grace set you free to serve God with love.

All: We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kin-dom on this earth. Thanks be to God!

*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!"

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

*RESPONSE We've Come This Far by Faith

#656

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary Wurl & Jane Wester

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Donna Okash

Old Testament

Genesis 16:1-15

New Testament

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon To See and Be Seen

Jocelyn Langholz

*HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See

#451

*THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR (excerpts)

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

Group 1: Unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

Group 2: that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

Group 1: that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

Group 2: that we are obligated to give ourselves swillingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

Group 1: that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;

Group 2: together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;

Group 1: together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;

Group 2: together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ;

All: that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; And that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. AMEN – May it be so.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

Karen Johnson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

*RESPONSE God, We Honor You

#709

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of all creation, we thank you for caring for us, providing what we need. We joyfully return to you, to your work in this place, our offerings of gratitude – our money, our time, our talents, our whole lives. May these gifts be used to spread your love in our neighborhood, city and world. Give us vision and energy to continue the work you have begun in each of our hearts and in the church. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

***COMMUNION HYMN** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #526

A RESPONSIVE LORD'S PRAYER (*"From Shore to Shore: A collection of liturgies, litanies, and prayers from around the world."*)

One: Our Father in Heaven,

All: remind us constantly that you are parent to all your children, whoever, or wherever they are or come from.

One: Hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come,

All: establishing peace and justice, hope and life for all peoples.

One: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

All: Disturb us into awareness of the needs of others.

One: Forgive us our sins,

All: our pride and our prejudices.

One: As we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation,

All: Especially keep our hearts and minds open to see the good in others

One: Deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom,

All: just and true,

One: the power,

All: gentle and fair,

One: and the glory,

All: shining with bold colors of love

One: forever

All: 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** You Shall Go Out with Joy #80

***BENEDCITION & POSTLUDE**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 16:1-15

16:1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave whose name was Hagar, **2** and Sarai said to Abram, "You see that the Lord has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. **3** So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. **4** He went in to Hagar, and she conceived, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. **5** Then Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!" **6** But Abram said to Sarai, "Your slave is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her. **7** The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. **8** And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai." **9** The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her." **10** The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude." **11** And the angel of the Lord said to her, "Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael, for the Lord has given heed to your affliction. **12** He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him, and he shall live at odds with all his kin." **13** So she named the Lord who spoke to her, "You are El-roi," for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?" **14** Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

15 Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 19:1-10

19:1 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. **2** A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. **3** He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. **4** So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. **5** When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." **6** So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. **7** All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." **8** Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." **9** Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

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

SAVE THE DATE

Join us next 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. If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact Kirsten Standen at 218-591-2321, or Connie Noble at 218-590-0993.

PDA BAGS

The back to school sales are coming up so we can buy the supplies listed below on sale. Each bag will include the following below. We are looking to fill 50 bags. Contact the office with any questions. Thank you!

- 1- Blunt scissors (rounded tip)- *6
- 3- 70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)- *58
- 30 centimeter ruler (12 inch)- *64
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener- *12
- 6 new pencils with erasers—*60
- 1 large eraser-*3
- 1 box of 24 crayons- *5

*What we currently have of each item.

MUNCH BUNCH

Join us for dinner at Gronk's this Thursday, August 6, at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Johnson at 715-817-7678.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is this Tuesday, August 4. Join us for treats and games in the church parking lot from 6:00–7:30 PM. All are welcome to stop by and enjoy the fun and community time.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/2

Coffee Hour—After Worship

TUESDAY 8/4

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
6:00 PM National Night Out

THURSDAY 8/6

10:00 AM Pickleball
5:30 PM Munch Bunch @ Gronk's

SATURDAY 8/8

MONDAY 8/3

3:30 PM Fellowship & Outreach

WEDNESDAY 8/5

9:30 AM PW Meeting
10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:30 PM Deacons Meeting
6:00 PM Book Club
6:40 PM Volleyball @ Aces

FRIDAY 8/7

Birthdays This Week

8/2—Jay Hecht
8/3—Deja Anderson
8/7—Kate Long

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>

THE LORD'S SUPPER *is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.*

WAYS TO SERVE

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

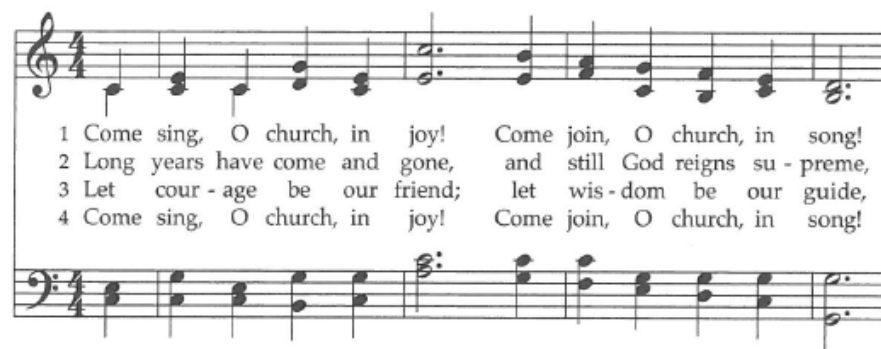
**Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.*

- 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 Burriss 304-890-2375.

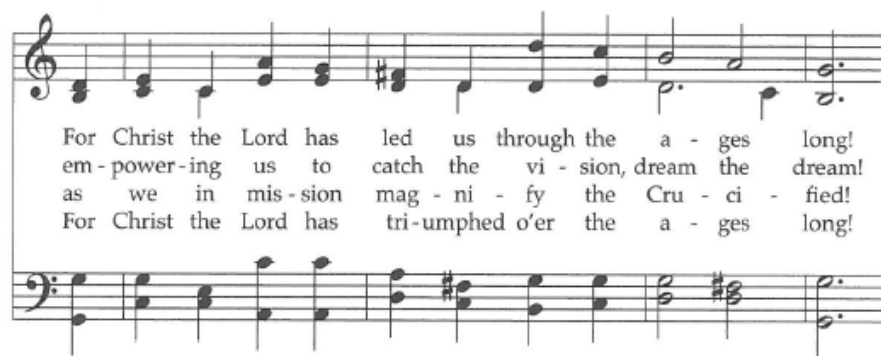
WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- 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. 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.
- Ghana Mission Network Conference—Will be held at UPC August 13–16. We're excited to host people from around the country and Ghana. Volunteer opportunities include set-up, serving, and clean-up after meals, the registration table, preparing welcome bags, providing transportation, hosting participants, and welcoming guests. Sign-up for volunteering is available in the narthex. All are invited to attend the meeting, whether it is for one or two sessions or for the entire program. Program details are available at: www.upc-superior.com/ghana-mission-network.

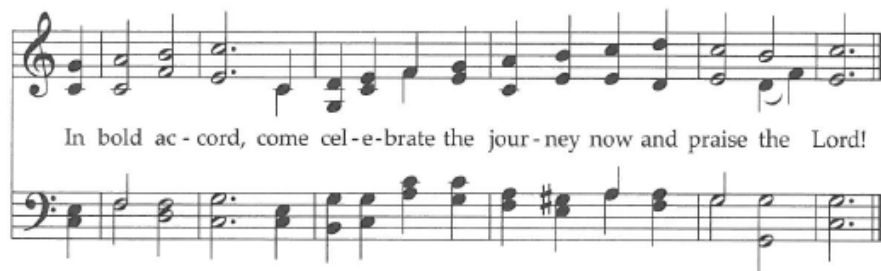
305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

We've Come This Far by Faith 656

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,

trust-ing in the ho-ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.

O, can't turn a-round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

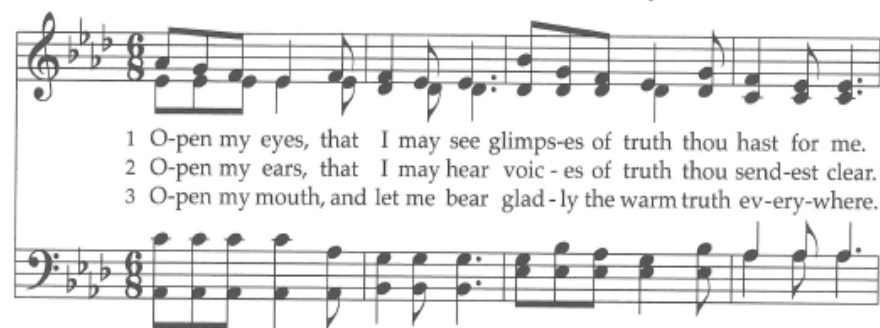
1 Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a
2 Christ is a-ble to make us one; at the ta-ble he
3 Je-sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a

shout of joy: bread is bro-ken; the wine is poured;
sets the tone, teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

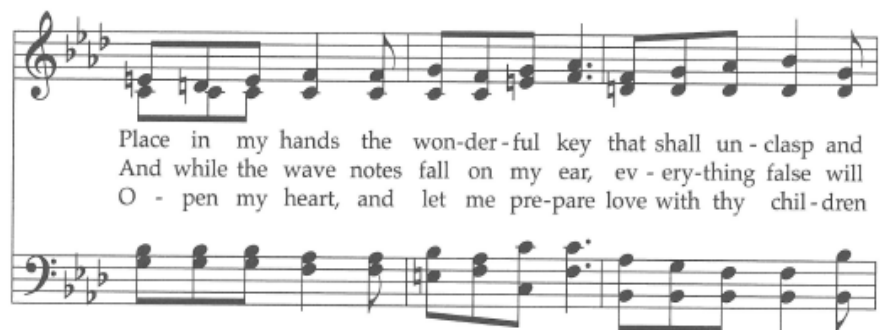
Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex-press. Je-sus lives a-gain;
God (Im-man-u-el) ev-ery-where!

earth can breathe a-gain; pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

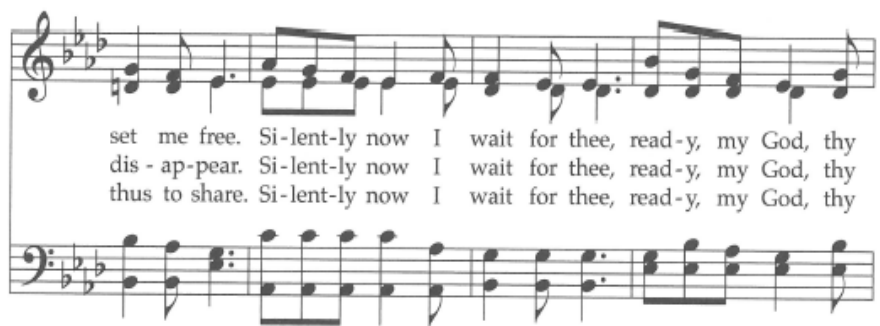
Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!

709 God, We Honor You



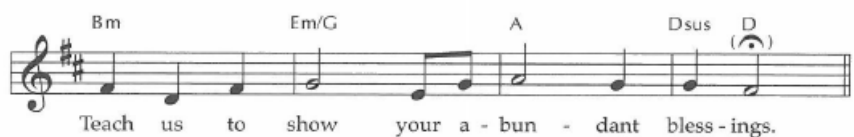
God, we hon-or you. God, we trust in you.



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.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, a-men.

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.