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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

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Passing the Peace portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to meet by 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.

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Online Worship

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 16th, 2025 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: Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator #18

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: God of our time, space, and place...

All: You love where we are. The land, the plants, the animals, and especially the people.

One: You are present in our holy spaces and places...

All: In the green cathedral of the northwoods, the lake shore, and even here in this sanctuary.

One: Forgive us holy God when we don't love our neighbor as you call us to do. Forgive us for those times when we don't love, pray for, and weep over our community as you would have us do.

All: Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit move. Holy Spirit change our lives and our commitments.

One: Melt, shape, and mold us into the image of Christ.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, it would take more than my fingers and toes to count all the times I've needed forgiveness in my life. Though it is part of my experience to make mistakes, mess up, and miss the mark, God consistently forgives me. God, is full of mercy. God loves us when we are at our worst. Why? Because of Christ and his birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven.

*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 #582

CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS Sue Olson

Old Testament Psalm 27

SERMON Loving The Center: Superior Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Luke 13: 31-35

*HYMN Jesus Calls Us #720

MOMENT FOR MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE God, We Honor You #709

Alex Sandor

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of our neighborhoods, take all that we offer you, our time, talents, and treasures and grow them for your kingdom. Help us to live openhanded lives sharing the gift of our lives with others. Move in us so that we may center the voices of those on the margins. Send your grace filled Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. Continue to show us how to serve and love Superior! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me #543

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 13: 31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 3/16

8:45 AM Chancel Choir
Coffee Hour
6:00 PM Volleyball

TUESDAY 3/18

Pastor Out— Vacation
10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
6:00 PM Bell Choir

THURSDAY 3/20

Pastor Out— Vacation
10:00 AM *The Chosen*— Viewing & Discussion
10:00 AM Pickleball
3:30 PM Piano Lessons

SATURDAY 3/22

Pastor Out— Vacation

MONDAY 3/17

Pastor Out— Vacation
3:30 PM Piano Lessons
5:00 PM Lent Small Groups
6:01 PM Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 3/19

Pastor Out— Vacation
10:00 AM Crafters Group
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
4:30 PM Piano Lessons

FRIDAY 3/21

Pastor Out— Vacation
5:00 PM Scout's Fish Fry

Birthdays This Week

3/17— Joel Huenemann
3/17— Melanie Johnson
3/18— Dianne Waite
3/19— Mary Peterson
3/20— Skye Palmer
3/21— Leroy Hanson

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.
- Community Dinner— Volunteer for our Community Dinner the third Sunday in October, February, June and August.
- Twin Ports Welcome Corp— Join the TPWC and help sponsor a refugee.
- Community Garden— Help plan and carry out the UPC Community Garden project, which provides vegetables for UPC Community Dinners and Great Lakes Elementary students.
- Nursery— Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! You will serve with a Nursery Coordinator once or twice a month (your choice). *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church— Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith during Children's Church! This takes place during the Sunday service. You can volunteer once or twice a month (your choice). *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk— Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly or monthly basis. Training will be provided!

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball— Every Sunday at 6:00 PM.
- Men's Breakfast— First Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM. Contact Tom Lisak (218-348-5390) with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women— Meetings are 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.
- Pasty Making*—Thursday, March 27th at 4:00 PM in the UPC kitchen. Taught by Marian Bradley.
- Munch Bunch— Thursday, April 3rd at 5:30 PM at Guadalajara's. Come enjoy the company and food!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Rib Dinner this year will be Wednesday, April 30 starting at 4:00 PM

SCOUT'S FISH FRY

Join our Scouting Troop for this Year's Lenten Fish Fries. March 21st, 28th, & April 4th, 11th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

UPC COMMUNITY GARDNER SIGN-UP COMING!

It's almost time to sign up to be a gardener in the 2025 UPC Community Garden. In our garden, we raise vegetables used for Community Dinners and for school lunches and thereby help to address food insecurity in the community. Please consider signing up to garden in one of the containers located on church grounds, or in the raised bed at Great Lakes Elementary School down the street. Sign-up begins after church on March 30; look for the table in the narthex. Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com.

BLANK CARDS

If anyone has extra blank cards for Susan Litehiser please bring them to the office. Thank you!

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>

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

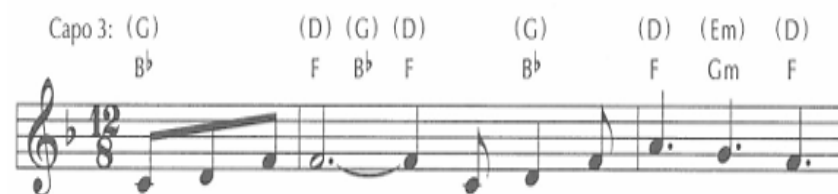


move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

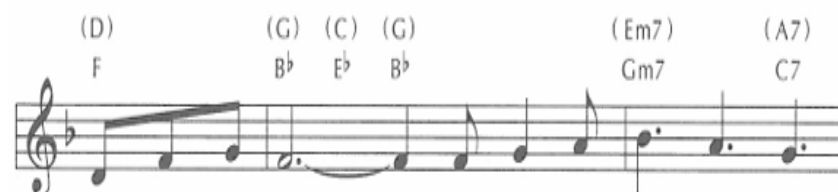


O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



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



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



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



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

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God, We Honor You

Jesus Calls Us

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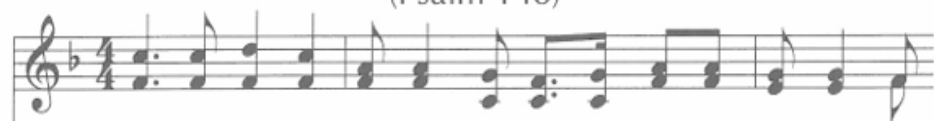
1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

18 Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

(Psalm 148)



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and
2 Praise the Lord, all moun-tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and
3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the



stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -
wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,
heights let prais - es re-sound to the Lord, the source of



tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and
all liv - ing crea-tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the
strength and sal - va - tion for all peo-ple on whom God's fa - vor is



love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice! (O)
sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (O)
found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (O)



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