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<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 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
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Online Worship

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16th, 2024 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 Laura Petite

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT**

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring #334

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION** (Adapted from the Iona Community)

One: Let us pray, Eternal Maker of the endless heavens, lowly Christ, befriender of all people, Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky you are ever present.

All: O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet you are there, and we give you thanks.

One: But where we have not touched but trampled you in creation, where we have not honoured but avoided and disregarded you in one another, where we have not received but rejected your goodness, forgive us, and hear our plea for your pardon.

All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Adapted from the Iona Community)

One: Know that God is good, and that to those who are truly sorry God forgives what is in the past and enables us to begin again. Once we were no people, now we are God's people. Once we were beyond God's mercy; now that mercy has been given to us. So let us live as those who treasure God's costly generosity, by safeguarding God's earth, delighting in its people, and loving our Maker to whom be glory for ever. Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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** **Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me #582**

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Dean Hecht

Old Testament Reading Psalm 20

Special Music Mary & Joel Wurl and Jane Wester

Sermon **Planting Small Seeds: Hyperbole & God's Kingdom**
Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Reading Mark 4: 26-34

***HYMN** **For the Fruit of All Creation #36**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures, high and low. Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit
one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God who grows our small efforts made with great love, thank you!
Take those small seeds of love and grow them so that all may see
your goodness. Take our gifts of time, talents, and treasures and
cultivate 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 tender Spirit
so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation,
Superior community, and this world. We want others to know your
"Yes!" towards all humanity! Amen.**

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.**

***HYMN** **For the Beauty of the Earth #14**

***BENEDICTION & CLOSING WORDS**

***POSTLUDE**

OLD TESTAMENT READING**Psalm 20**

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion. May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. Selah May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans. May we shout for joy over your victory and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions. Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand. Some take pride in chariots and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God. They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright. Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call.

NEW TESTAMENT READING**Mark 4: 26-34**

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**SUNDAY 6/16****Father's Day****10:00 AM Morning Worship****10:15 AM Children's Church****4:00 PM Cornhole Tournament, Cookout, & Community Dinner****MONDAY 6/17****4:45 PM TPWC Meeting****6:15 PM Piano Lessons****TUESDAY 6/18****10:00 AM Pickleball****WEDNESDAY 6/19****10:00 AM Crafters Group****1:00 PM Caregiver Conversations****2:00 PM CSA Pick-up****THURSDAY 6/20****10:00 AM Pickleball****6:15 PM Session Meeting****FRIDAY 6/21****SATURDAY 6/22****Birthdays This Week**

6/16– Lindsey Olson

6/16– Andrew Rude

6/18– Angus Macleod

6/18– Scott Willoughby

6/19– Kenneth Aker

LOOKING AHEAD**June 23rd– Hike Bear Creek Trail/ Wisconsin Point 12 PM****June 27th– UPBeat Deadline****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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET INVOLVED

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United! Two great ways that are available year-round are to sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship, or to host a coffee hour following the service. There are sign up sheets available at the back of the Narthex under the calendar!

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

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, from there they will go together to the Youth room for Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AND COOKOUT

Today from 4-7p the Spiritual Formation Committee will be partnering with the Mission Committee to host a Cornhole Tournament and Cookout! This will be a time of family fun for everyone! First place will receive a prize (and bragging rights!).

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

You can join us for pickleball **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there!

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

June 23rd– 12:00 PM Hike Bear Creek Trail/ Wisconsin Point. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the beach! Please contact Cathy Hecht for more information.

UPC VOLLEYBALL

UPC Volleyball had some good sets and hits but lost all 3 vs volleyballsagna 21-12, 21-15, and 21-13 we had a blast! UPC beats now 7-8.

The Burnin' Beets volleyball team is off to a great start! Thank you to all of our players and fans. We appreciate the love and support. I am sending out this message to remind all those participating, whether it be on the main roster or sub list, that we only need additional players if several of the main roster participants are unable to make it. Kate Long or myself will be the gatekeepers of this, and will contact subs when needed. Please know that you are always welcome to come hang at Aces and support our wonderful UPC team. Thank you, Kjersten Lisak

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CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, June 14th, 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.

CSA FOODS

If you're looking for fresh, local veggies, meat, breads, cheeses and flowers, look no further than Bayfield CSA Foods! Bayfield CSA drops off boxes of fresh food shares from a variety of local farmers every Wednesday, where they can be picked up right here at the church! Simply sign up online at the link below, pick a box type, pickup frequency, and put in United Presbyterian Church as the pickup location. Pickup is from 2-6 PM on Wednesday.

Link to sign up: <https://bayfieldfoods.csaware.com/store/>

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Come paddle away with UPC at this years Dragon Boat Festival at Barker's Island August 23rd & 24th! Sign-up sheets are available in the back of the Narthex. Please contact Cathy Hecht with any questions.

CRAFTERS GROUP

Please join us in the craft room every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to come and work on our quilting projects, or bring your own. Come for the fellowship!

PASTORAL INTERN JOCELYN LANGHOLZ

Jocelyn Langholz is excited to be starting her seminary practicum with the people of United Presbyterian Church and Pioneer Parish. Jocelyn is in her final year at United Theological Seminary in Saint Paul, MN, completing a Master of Divinity in Social Transformation and seeking ordination in the PC-USA. Jocelyn provides psychotherapy services at Tamarack Behavioral Health in Ashland, focusing on embodiment in supporting whole-self healing for clients. "My individual work with clients compelled me to seek ways to create the world that they, and all of us, need. The church can play a huge role in this pursuit of community and justice."

STEWARDSHIP MEETING INVITE

Hi United! Are you interested in what Stewardship at UPC can look like? If you are, we wanted to extend an invite for a small group of you to join the UPC Finance Team & Session, in our upcoming Presbyterian Foundation Education. If you would like to participate, you will need to purchase and read the book Not Your Parents Offering Plate by Cliff Christopher, attend the June 29th event and subsequent meetings regarding stewardship in the church. Please see Pastor Brett by Sunday, June 23rd, if you would like to commit to learning more about Stewardship at UPC.

For the Beauty of the Earth 14



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:



Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.



For the Fruit of All Creation 36



1 For the fruit of all cre-a-tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re-ward of la-bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev-ery na-tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in-her-it, thanks be to God.



For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are
In our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun-gry and de-
For the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-



sleep-ing, fu-ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
spair-ing, in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.



With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

(Psalm 138)

1 With grate - ful heart my thanks I bring; be - fore the
2 I cried to you, and you did save; your word of
3 O Lord, en - throned in glo - ry bright, you reign a -
4 You will stretch forth your might - y arm to save me

"gods" your praise I sing. I wor - ship in your ho - ly
grace new cour - age gave. The kings of earth shall thank you,
lone in heaven - ly height; the proud in vain your fa - vor
when my foes a - larm. The work you have for me be -

place and praise you for your truth and grace; for truth and
Lord, for they have heard your won - drous word; yes, they shall
seek, but you have mer - cy for the meek. Through trou - ble
gun shall by your grace be ful - ly done. Your love for -

grace to - geth - er shine in your most ho - ly Word di - vine.
come with songs of praise for great and glo - rious are your ways.
though my path - way be, you will re - vive and strength - en me.
ev - er will en - dure: your mer - cy, Lord, is ev - er sure.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

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