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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:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

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) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling

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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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### ONLINE WORSHIP

**August 1st, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

\* Please rise in body or spirit

## PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Sandor

**\*INTROIT**                      **I Love You Lord**                      **#627**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

If you come into this place  
with the hope of growing deeper,  
with the hope of connecting,  
with the hope of glimpsing God,  
and if all of those things take place,  
and your spirit is moved,  
and you swear God is near,  
and you feel more than lucky for the gift of faith,  
and then the service comes to an end,  
and it's time for you to leave,  
and you ask yourself,  
"Where do we go from here?"  
Then I would say to you,  
"Go out into the world  
to love and to share and to learn,  
but come back soon,  
because this is the beginning.  
This is only the beginning.  
So come on in.  
Fill your cup here.  
Be present here.  
God is here."  
Let us worship Holy God.

**\*HYMN**                      **Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?**                      **#727**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: One of the things I love about the prayer of confession is it allows us to claim that we are works in progress, and there is beauty in that.  
You don't have to be perfect here.  
You don't have to have it all figured out here.  
You don't have to have a five-step plan for what's next here.  
You just have to show up with your messy, beautiful self, and be honest. So friends, let us be honest. Let us pray the prayer of confession together. . .

**All: Holy God,  
We are naturals when it comes to stalling out.  
We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation,  
in our faith, and then we stall.  
We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there, destined to never dig deeper or climb higher.  
Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter.  
Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top.  
Forgive us for taking the easy way out**

**instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building, vulnerability, and connection.**

**Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here.  
With hope and honesty we pray,  
Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Family of faith,  
We are works in progress, but we are works in progress  
designed, created, and claimed by God.  
No matter what you have done or left undone this week,  
today is a fresh start.  
Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:  
**All: God is with me on the mountain top, and God is with me on the plateau.  
I am loved, claimed, and 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.**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may throw up peace signs and check in.)

### **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Kathryn Craven

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**New Testament Reading**

**Dean Hecht  
Acts 10:1-16**

**SERMON**                      **"I've Been Meaning To Ask: Where Do We Go From Here?"**  
**Old Testament Reading**

**Rev. Brett M. Foote  
Ruth 1:3-17**

**\*HYMN**                      **Spirit, Open My Heart**                      **#692**

### **OFFERING**

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

The story of Ruth and Naomi is the story of God working through people. Naomi needed Ruth to make it back home and start fresh, just as Peter needed Cornelius to understand God's message. Mary needed Elizabeth, Jesus needed the disciples, and Moses needed Aaron.  
The story of our faith is one that constantly reminds us that we cannot do this work alone. So in community, we ask ourselves:  
Where do we go from here?  
And one answer to that question is that we give what we can from what we have,  
and trust that God will continue moving us closer to that promised day.  
So family of faith, I invite you to give your tithes and your offerings now, knowing that this is the work of community, this is the work of faith. Let us give.

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**      PW Mission Bags  
**OFFERATORY**                      **Alex Sandor**

## RESPONSE

#654

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;  
In the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

## PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God who meets us where we are and journeys with us, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. May new life thrive in each heart and may we in our giving be a part of that. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Holy Communion

### COMMUNION HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West #317

### 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 the God most High.

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

One: Praise to You, O God, for all of Your works.

You created the world and called it good  
and made us in Your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,  
and even when we turned from You,  
You remained ever faithful.

**All: Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

*You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you at home, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution. Here at the church we invite you to take your individual cups as you come into the church, and follow the above pattern.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God of North, South, East, and West,

**All: We've have been meaning to say... thank you.**

One: Thank you for scooping up the dirt and breathing life into it.

**All: Thank you for forming this body, this life, this world, these people.**

One: Thank you for drawing us in, for holding us up, and for weaving us together—

even when it's hard, especially when it's hard.

**All: If people ask, "Where are you from?" my mouth speaks of geography, but my soul always sings your name.**

One: So today we come to you in prayer with gratitude overflowing—

gratitude for the places we've been,  
for the people who've shaped us,  
and for the spaces we call home.

**All: But we also come to you with prayers on our hearts...**

**Prayers to be Shared** Please email the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

One: God of conversation,

we are here, trying to be courageous.

**All: We are trying to be curious.**

**We are here trying to build connections in this lonely and isolated world.**

**We want to be somewhere other than here.**

**We want to be standing in a place and time that is closer to your promised day—**

**where all are fed, the prisoners are freed, the homeless are housed, and every person knows their worth.**

One: Today we ask for your words.

Plant questions in us that, like seeds, grow into a garden of connection.

Plant affirmation in us that, like laughter, is contagious and mood-changing.

Plant curiosity in us that, like rain, washes away any judgment we carry, replacing it with a desire to understand.

**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. 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 glory and the power, forever. Amen.**

We invite you to join us at 7932 South County Road A, Superior, WI to celebrate the baptism of Nick Long. There will also be some food provided, and the opportunity to play some volleyball!

**\*Service continued at the lake\***

### **Baptism Of Nick David Long**

**Mary Peterson, Clerk of Session:**

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**All: There is no longer Jew or Greek,  
there is no longer slave or free,  
there is no longer male and female;  
for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. He ascended into Heaven, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

**All: We believe that God is a conversationalist,  
drawing close to us and asking,**

**"What do you need? Where does it hurt? Who do you long to be?"**

**We see this conversational God in Jesus Christ, God's own flesh,  
who walked the earth speaking with the poor,  
the hungry, the lonely, and the outcast.**

**Therefore, we believe that our call as people of faith  
is to continue this holy conversation**

**with those who look and think like us,  
as well as with those who share little in common with us.**

**We believe that through these conversations,  
we are able to catch a glimpse of the Kin-dom of God,  
so we continue the conversation in hope.  
Amen.**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: We give you thanks, Eternal God...

To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever.

**All: Amen**

**\*CLOSING HYMN Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore #721  
\*BENEDICTION**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Ruth 1:3-17***

But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.' Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said,

'Do not press me to leave you

or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;

where you lodge, I will lodge;

your people shall be my people,

and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—

there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,

and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!'

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Acts 10:1-16**

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, 'Cornelius.' He stared at him in terror and said, 'What is it, Lord?' He answered, 'Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea-side.' When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But Peter said, 'By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.' The voice said to him again, a second time, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

### DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you'd like to donate online vs. mailing the weekly offering to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ICU TREE

What was formerly the mitten tree is now the ICU tree! It is still set up in the main entrance, and we are asking for donations of **new socks, first aid bags, and flashlights** to be placed on the tree to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours to decorate the tree!

### SOFTBALL

UPC loses a heartbreaker 11-10 vs Central Assembly in 10 innings.

Lee Mueller #21 and Rick played catcher for UPC and each caught a foul ball for an out.

I'm proud every UPC player and our loyal, energetic fans.



### CONTACTING US

If you need to contact Pastor Brett and he doesn't answer on his cell phone, please call the church to leave a message, as his voicemail sometimes malfunctions.

On that note, our phone is on the fritz due to a number of reasons, so if you're attempting to reach us and are struggling to get through, please call again later, or email us. The phone has also been randomly disconnecting, so if we hang up on you, know that we are sorry, and please try again!

### COFFEE HOUR

This month, Fellowship & Outreach's coffee hour will be moved to the third Sunday of the month. The second Sunday will be done by the Presbyterian Women. If any other groups or committees would like to take the other Sundays, they are welcome to do so.

### DOORS TO THE NARTHEX

The Building and Grounds Committee would like your help to reduce the Church's utility bill by keeping the doors from the fellowship hall to the narthex closed. These two areas are heated and cooled by different air conditioning units. The thermostats are set at different temperatures. So if the doors separating these areas are left open, the units will run more than necessary.

### WEEDING

We need some help weeding the landscaped area on the side facing 28th street. If you feel up to helping with that, make sure to bring gloves (they are prickly), and swing by anytime to help out! If you have any questions, you may contact Beth Lisak.

## United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY 8/1

10:00 AM Morning Worship  
Nick Long Baptism @ Hechts

### MONDAY 8/2

### TUESDAY 8/3

10 AM Worship Committee  
2 PM Personnel Committee  
6 PM Softball  
6 PM Elementary School Evenings

### WEDNESDAY 8/4

9:30 AM PW Meeting  
12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)  
4 PM Deacons Meeting  
4 PM Adventure Group @ Enger Tower  
4-6 PM CSA Pickup  
4-6 PM Art Pickup

### THURSDAY 8/5

4:30 PM CYF Meeting  
6 PM Youth Evenings

### FRIDAY 8/6

### SATURDAY 8/7

#### Birthdays This Week

8/1 Jane Wester  
8/2 Jay Hecht  
8/3 Deja Anderson  
8/7 Kate Lisak

#### LOOKING AHEAD

Aug 3	Softball
Aug 4	Adventure Group @ Enger Tower
Aug 14	Arts Gala

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PDA BAGS

Good news! 50 PDA bags are ready to be filled. Due to a very generous donation last summer, we already have enough pencils. The first of the school supplies ad will be appearing soon.

### PDA School Kit Supplies

1—Pair of blunt scissors (blunt tip)  
3—70-count spiral notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf paper)  
1—30 centimeter ruler (12 inches)  
1—Hand-held pencil sharpener  
1—Large eraser  
1—Box of 24 crayons

Please donate only items on this list, as some of the bags may need to go through customs, and PDA has clearance for the bags filled this way.

Thank you!

### ADVENTURE GROUP

Next adventure club event will be on August 4th at 4 PM at Enger Tower. We will enjoy some ice cream or other food choices from the food truck, and then do our hike.

### WILDERNESS ADVENTURE RETREAT

August 28th is our Wilderness Adventure Retreat at the Lake Nebagamon YMCA camp. We have use of the camp between 11-5. F&O will provide some light breakfast snack items upon arrival and a campfire meal later in the afternoon. We will enjoy some games, arts and crafts, walking, lots of singing and fellowship, and possibly some water activities. Everyone is invited to come and play or to just to visit with one another. All ages are invited.

**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.

# I Love You, Lord

627

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take

joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a

sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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# 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain* Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
F B $\flat$  Gm7 F B $\flat$  F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
C7 Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
Dm Gm7 F B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$  *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

# 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
race may be. All chil - dren of the  
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.



# 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*Tú has venido a la orilla*



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing  
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat  
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my  
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly  
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; 7 you will  
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant  
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.  
 find there my nets and la - bor.  
 love that keeps on lov - ing.  
 friend, as thus you call me:

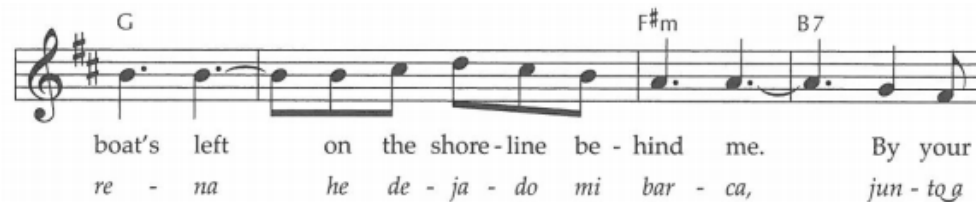
*Refrain / Estribillo*



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while  
 Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my  
 en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la a -



boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your  
 re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to a



side I will seek oth - er seas.  
 ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.