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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
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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ONLINE WORSHIP

September 20th, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

PRELUDE **Alex Sandor**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT **From the Rising of the Sun** **#670**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 57)

One: Be merciful to us, O God, be merciful to us.

All: For in you God our souls take refuge.

One: In the shadow of your wings we will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by.

All: We cry to God the Most High, to God who fulfills God's purpose for me.

One: We are in the midst of lions.

All: However, our hearts are steadfast, O God. We will sing and make melody to you our Lord.

HYMN **Sing a New Song unto the Lord** **#276**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of forgiveness, we confess that it is easy to hold onto hurt. We confess that it is easier to not confront issues with others and extend forgiveness. We confess that forgiveness is sometimes not a natural response for us. Forgive our lack of confrontation with others. Forgive us for our not forgiving others. Forgive us for times in which we are passive aggressive at unresolved conflict. Help us Holy God to be brave, to choose reconciliation, to love others and share the grace you give us freely. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family, many of us strive to be perfect when we are but works in progress, every single one of us. Sometimes we get things right, other times we mess up. Either way, there is grace and forgiveness from God for that. God asks us to forgive others as God

forgives us. Know that no matter what, God forgives us lavishly. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven.

PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those in the comments section with the words, **"The peace of Christ be with you."** Please also say "Hello" to one another.

TIME WITH CHILDREN **Kathryn Craven**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Sandy LeMieux**
Old Testament Reading **Psalm 98:1-5**

SERMON **"Doing Holy Math: A Tough Proposition"**
Rev. Brett Foote
New Testament Reading **Matthew 18:21-35**

HYMN **Amazing Grace** **#649**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY **Alex Sandor**
RESPONSE **#709**

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who forgives, 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. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know that they are loved by us and by God. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email 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. 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN You Shall Go Out With Joy #80

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 98:1-5

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.
The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 9/20

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

11:30 a.m. Coffee Break (Zoom)

4-5:30 p.m. Community Dinner Drive-Through

MONDAY 9/21

TUESDAY 9/22

WEDNESDAY 9/23

****1:00 p.m. UPBeat Deadline****

12:00 Staff meeting (Zoom)

4-6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up

THURSDAY 9/24

FRIDAY 9/25

SATURDAY 9/26

9:00 a.m.-Noon Work day at the church

Vora Lindberg is recovering from her hospital stay. If you'd like to cheer her up by sending a card, here is her address:

**Vora Lindberg
Superior Rehabilitation Center, 3rd floor
1800 New York Ave
Superior, WI 54880**

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

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our Community Dinner is today at UPC. This will be carry-out only from 4-5:30p.m. Please drive through and pick up your meal to go. Serving chicken patty on a bun, pasta salad, potato chips, water and a brownie.

"PDA MISSION TRIP"

This Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon will be our fall clean-up of the church grounds. Everyone is welcome. Bring your gloves, favorite yard and garden tools, and a lot of energy. Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided.

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Brett will be out of the office September 29-30.

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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.

*May be sung as a canon.

From the Rising of the Sun 670

(Psalm 113)

From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down
of the same, the name of the Lord shall be
praised. From the ris - ing of the sun to the
go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be
praised. So praise ye the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord. From the
ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same,
the name of the Lord shall be praised.

Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be
sung from moun - tain's high. Sing a new song
un - to the Lord, sing - ing hal - le - lu - jah!
1 Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -
2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry
fore the Lord. And play for God on
now has come. He has turned your
of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the
glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
 the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -
 fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the
 trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
 And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
 the trees of the field will clap their hands;
 the trees of the field will clap their hands
 while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.