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<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 (jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

August 29th, 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 Alex Sandor
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** God Welcomes All x3 #399

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 96)**

One: O sing to the Lord a new song!

All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

One: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to God glory; bring an offering, and come into God's courts.

One: Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before God, all the earth!

All: All of the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the Lord; for God is coming.

***HYMN** How Great Thou Art #625

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who calls us out of our walls:

Sometimes we listen but do not act.

Sometimes we prefer to stay within our walls.

Sometimes we are not attentive to our relationship with God.

We want to come outside.

We want to see the world and how it changes.

We want to love faithfully.

Call us out of the way things have been done and embrace us God.

Help us to fall in love with you and the people in whom we find your Spirit, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Bell Hooks speaking about the land wrote: Prairie and frontier, here I will give you thunder, shatter your hearts with rain, let snow soothe you, make your healing water, clear sweet, a sacred spring, where the thirsty, may drink, animals all.

We find, that inside our walls we come to know a good deal about the God whom we love. We also find that outside our walls, we experience that love firsthand. We might not always leave what we've known but the good news is God loves us inside our walls or out. God loves the person we were, the person we are, and the person we are becoming, because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. 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 connect with others in a way that is comfortable with you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kathryn Craven

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading

Beth Lisak

James 1:17-27

SERMON "Passionate Hebrew Love: What Does it Teach Us?"

Rev. Brett M Foote

Song of Songs 2:8-17

Old Testament Reading

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

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures, here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who calls us out, but in a good way, 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. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. 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.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Song of Songs 2:8-17

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: ‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely. Catch us the foxes, the little foxes, that ruin the vineyards— for our vineyards are in blossom.’

My beloved is mine and I am his; he pastures his flock among the lilies. Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on the cleft mountains.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 8/29

10:00 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY 8/30

TUESDAY 8/31

UPBeat Mailing

WEDNESDAY 9/1

9:30 AM PW Meeting

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)

4 PM Deacons Meeting

4-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 9/2

6:30 PM CYF

FRIDAY 9/3

9 AM Beets

SATURDAY 9/4

11 AM Anderson Move

Birthdays This Week

8/29 Anna Downs
8/29 Audrey Krube
8/30 Abram Pauna
8/30 Tyler Willoughby
9/3 Laura Schlacks
9/4 Jade Palmer

LOOKING AHEAD

September 11

Superior Rebuild @ Trac Rasmus

September 12

Ross Thorn

September 25

Adventure Group @ Amnicon

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 to the church, you can do so at the following link:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW COVID PROCEEDURES

Session unanimously voted to encourage masking for all people due to the rise of the Delta variant in neighboring counties. We will continue to sing in worship, but we encourage the use of masks during all parts of the service, for all people, vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Session is hoping that, with the proper precautions, we can continue to worship safely in person.

This will be in full effect starting **this Sunday, August 29th.**

ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **new socks, first aid bags, and flashlights** to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours!

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!

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.

HELP THE ANDERSON'S MOVE

We are looking for 5 people to join Pastor Brett as the church helps the Andersons return to Superior from Hermantown! We are looking forward to having them closer. The plan is to meet at their new home in South Superior on Saturday, September 4 at 11:00 a.m. Their new address is: 5624 John Avenue, Superior, WI. Lunch will be provided. Let Brett know if you plan on helping.

SEPTEMBER ADVENTURE GROUP

Enjoy the fall leaves with a drive to the Tri Lakes Community Center, at Amnicon Lake (7872 South, County Rd A, Superior, WI 54880). They are hosting a soup, pie and beverage lunch for \$8 per adult. Our UPC Adventure Group invites you to meet at 12 noon on Saturday, Sept 25th, at the Community Center. If weather cooperates, a pontoon ride around the lake and volleyball could follow. Friends are always welcome too.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PDA BAGS

Good news! **We only need 21 more 70-count spiral notebooks totaling 200 -210 pages (no loose-leaf paper).** Thank you for all of your help and generosity!

CONVERSATION CHURCH SEPTEMBER 19

So often we sit side by side and week after week in the pews without truly getting to know one another. We've been focusing on relationship building over the last two months and we see this as a great way to continue the conversation. After a year of isolation made harder by political divisiveness and social unrest, our society is desperately in need of spaces for connection and conversation. We at United know that change, growth, and healing can only come through curiosity, empathy, and courage. During this very different worship service put together by the worship committee and myself, we hope to move beyond small talk to practice curiosity, listening, and connection. Therefore, our time will focus on facilitating a unique conversation during a worship service that might provide fellowship, connection, and a glimpse of the holy. The service will last roughly one hour, and people will gather, hear scripture read, engage in thirty minutes of intentional and guided conversation with their neighbors as the sermon moment, and close with prayer and Holy Communion. We hope that you'll join us on Sunday, September 19 during our normal worship time.

BEETS ARE COMING!

On Friday, September 3rd, we would love for anyone who can to please come help out with beets! We'll begin working at 9 AM. Contact Judy Evenstad with questions (218-428-7364)

COFFEE HOUR

Following the service on the first Sunday of every month, Fellowship and Outreach will be serving coffee outside. 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.

THE UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN IS COMING!

The UPC Community Garden Committee held its first meeting on August 25. The committee decided to start the garden next spring in the form of a container garden, using the existing 11 pots that are at the back and sides of our parking lot, plus (perhaps) two donated raised beds. Individuals and families from the congregation will be able to sign up to "adopt" a pot or bed in which to grow vegetables and herbs for their own use and for donation to UPC to distribute to community members. A garden party to kick things off is another part of our plans for next spring. Stay tuned for more details as spring approaches. And if you want to join the committee, you still can! The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6, at 3 pm, in person at UPC. Questions? Contact Marian Lanigan ((moms76triumph@yahoo.com; 218-213-8087) or Deborah Schlacks (desertswan@aol.com; 715-392-9195).

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

625 O Lord My God How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me

all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in

hear the *roll - ing thun - der, thy power through - out the
loft - y moun-tain gran - deur and hear the brook and
bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, he bled and died to
hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My

Refrain

u - ni - verse dis - played:
 feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 take a - way my sin: God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

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Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
 F B^b F B^b C7

Refrain

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^b 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^b Gm7 F B^b F *Fine*

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

(D) (G) (D) (G)
 F B^b F B^b

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^b 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^b2 B^b

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.

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before 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." The score includes various guitar chords (Em, B7, G, C, D, B, N.C., D7) and rhythmic markings (x) indicating clapping. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics.

Em B7 Em B7 Em
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
G C G D
the mountains 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.