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### HELPFUL TO KNOW

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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### **ONLINE WORSHIP**

**March 21st, 2021**

**10:00 A.M.**

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

**PRELUDE** **Alex Sandor**  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 79)

One: How long, O Lord?

**All: Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?**

One: Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors.

**All: Let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.**

One: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name.

**All: Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**

**HYMN** **In a Bulb there is a Flower** **#250**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God who brings life from death, we confess that we often put our desires and ambitions before yours. We confess that we do not die to ourselves as much as we should. Forgive us for seeking stability over your call. Forgive us for not giving up our desires for yours. Help us to discern what you are calling us toward. Help us to be faithful to how you are leading us. Help us to die and live for you. Remind us of your unending grace. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: United, there is this sense that no matter how hard we try or how hard we practice we are bound to, at some point, miss the mark. I do pretty much every day. God's grace covers me and it also covers you, whenever we miss that mark. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

**All: We are all forgiven. Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those in the comments section with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you." (Say hello to one another!)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** **Kathryn Craven**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** **JoAnn Rush**  
**Old Testament Reading** **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**SERMON** "Seeds Will Never Bloom Till They Die: Human Flourishing"  
**Rev. Brett M Foote**  
**New Testament Reading** **John 12:20-33**

**HYMN** **O Jesus, I have Promised** **#725**

**OFFERING**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

**OFFERTORY**

**Alex Sandor**

**RESPONSE**

**#609**

**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 calls us to be planted like seeds, 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

Jesus Calls Us

#720

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*John 12:20-33*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

### 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>

SUNDAY 3/21

10:00 AM Morning Worship  
11:30 AM Zoom Coffee Break  
4-5 PM Community Dinner

MONDAY 3/22

TUESDAY 3/23

1 PM UPBeat Deadline

WEDNESDAY 3/24

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)  
6:15 PM Lenten Worship (Zoom)

THURSDAY 3/25

5-6 PM Palms and Cookies

FRIDAY 3/26

5-7 PM Boy Scout Fish Fry

SATURDAY 3/27

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

Items needed for the Inclusive Care Unit! We currently need: **Winter scarves, adult hats, gloves or mittens, and blankets.** Drop them off at the church Monday-Friday between 12 P.M. and 4 P.M.

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!

LENTEN WORSHIP

Please join us for an interactive Lenten Service, with a song and brief liturgy on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM during Lent. This will be done via Zoom. The link to this worship will be sent out via email prior to the service.

PALMS AND COOKIES

We will be passing out your palms on Thursday, March 25th, from 5-6 PM. We partnered with U of M and PCUSA to get EcoPalms. Fellowship and Outreach will also be handing out cookies, so make sure to swing by! This will be done drive through style.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

There will be a Maundy Thursday service at 6 PM on April 1st. This will be streamed from our YouTube channel, and a link to the service will be sent out closer to the date.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

There will be an Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 AM on Easter Sunday. This will be done with Bethel Lutheran Church at Wisconsin Point. Please park in the first lot, and join us (with masks and social distancing in place).

OFFICE CLOSED

Just a reminder that the office will be closed on April 2nd (Good Friday) and 5th (Easter Monday). Normal hours will resume April 6th, when people can come pick up their Easter Flowers!

COMMUNITY DINNER

The menu for this month's community dinner is: Vegetable minestrone soup, dinner roll, crackers, and raspberry sherbet. We hope to see you there!

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	Community Dinner
March 23	UPBeat Deadline
March 25	Palms and Cookies
April 1	Maundy Thursday Service
April 4	Easter Sunrise Service

# 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

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

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

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<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup>2 B<sup>b</sup>

*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.

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)  
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)  
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)  
F7 B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

# O Jesus, I Have Promised 725

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (G) (C)  
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Bb Eb



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:  
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)  
 Eb Cm7 Fm Bb Eb Bb7 Eb



be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)  
 Cm F Bb Ab Bb



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)  
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb

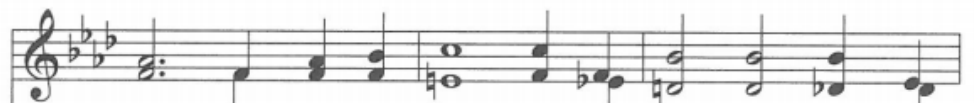


nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.  
 now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

# Jesus Calls Us 720



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.

