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If you'd like to join virtually, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the worship service.
Share a prayer request online in the comments section on YouTube or by contacting the church office. Additionally, 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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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10:00 AM

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**A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A)**

* Please rise in body or spirit. If you are joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

If the text is bolded, everyone is invited to say the words in unison.

**PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alex Sandor

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT Create in Me a Clean Heart, O Lord #423**

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

One: For the right roads we avoided traveling, and the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our worship and the true selves we have starved of love...God, by your grace,

All: forgive us.

One: For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money and the inadequate excuses we should never have made, God, by your grace,

All: forgive us.

One: For all we should be and all we can amend, God, in your love,

All: renew us.

One: For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us, God, in your love,

All: prepare us.

One: For the life of the world and the love of its people, God, in your love,

All: commit us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear and believe these words of Jesus: Your sins are forgiven. Go in Peace. Come and follow me. Glory to the Creator who gives us life,

All: Glory to Jesus whose love remakes us,

One: Glory to the Spirit, companion on our journey.

All: Glory 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 He Came Down #137**

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Reading**

**Jan Letsos
Psalm 51: 1-12**

**Sermon Bread Of Life: Meals, Needs, And A Greater Gift
Rev. Brett M. Foote**

New Testament Reading John 6: 24-35

***HYMN I, the Lord of Sea and Sky #69
*PROFESSION OF FAITH (from the Iona Community)**

One: Let us affirm our faith:

All: We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn, in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change, and put ourselves on the line, to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge, to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION
OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY Alex Sandor #607
*RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who meets our physical and spiritual needs, we thank you for all the ways you move in our lives. Take our gifts of time, talents and treasures and grow 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 grace filled 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.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

COMMUNION HYMN I Come With Joy #515

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 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.
You taught Your disciples to pray by saying...

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.

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 come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks.

All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

SILENT PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace #545

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/4

Coffee Hour
11:00 AM SF Small Groups

MONDAY 8/5

2:00 PM Fellowship & Outreach
6:15 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 8/6

10:00 AM Pickleball
1:00 PM AA Meeting
4:30 PM Worship Committee
5:30 PM TPWC Meeting

WEDNESDAY 8/7

9:30 AM Presbyterian Women Meeting*
10:00 AM Crafters Group
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM CSA Pick-up
2:30 PM Deacons Meeting
6:40 PM Volleyball at Ace's

THURSDAY 8/8

10:00 AM Pickleball
6:00 PM Buildings and Grounds

FRIDAY 8/9

SATURDAY 8/10

6:00 PM Concert-Solon Springs, WI

* PW Meeting is at 9:30 AM and not 12:30 (which it says in the UPBeat.)

Birthdays This Week

8/7– Kate Long
8/9– Jackie Pananen

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!

**Sign-up sheets are on the wood table in the narthex.*

- Coffee Hour*
- Liturgist*

NURSERY

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!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

During the service on September 8th we will be having a special blessing for all of our students, teachers, and leaders that are beginning a new school year!

CONFIRMATION

There will be an informational meeting in the Youth room following the service on September 15th about our 2024-2025 Confirmation class! Confirmation is for any student in middle or high school. If you have any questions or know of a student who may be interested, reach out to Laura at lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

FAMILY FALL RETREAT

On October 4th and 5th we will be having a Family Fall Retreat at Camp Amnicon! This is a time for us to connect with God and each other. We will eat together, sing worship, get crafty, and you'll have the chance to go canoeing and hiking (weather permitting). This retreat is for all ages and all families. The cost is \$20 per person (lodging and meals included) and you must register beforehand. Space is limited! Questions? Reach out to Laura at lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

DRAGON BOAT RACES

Hi Burnin' Beets Paddlers! If you have signed up for our Dragon Boat, please text Kate Long your email address so she can send you the link to register. Her phone number is 715-392-2206. Our boat will be practicing on Friday, August 23rd at 6:30 pm before the opening celebrations. If you are interested in supporting our team as a substitute paddler, please contact Kate as well! More information is to follow with the party tent, activities and food for the day of the event.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 51: 1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 6: 24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace 545

Song of Simeon



1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace; your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the



word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing



va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.



Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God 423

(Psalm 51)

Capo 5: (F)(Gsus)(G) (C) (Em7) (F) (A7)
 B^b Csus C F Am7 B^b D7



1 Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre-
 2 ? Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence; ?
 3 Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion; re-

(D) (D7) (G) (Dm)
 G G7 C Gm



ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre-
 cast me not a-way from your pres-ence; ?
 store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion; re-

(E) (E7) (Am) (E7) (Am)
 A A7 Dm A7 Dm



ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
 cast me not a-way from your pres-ence ? and
 store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-

(Dm7) (Em) (G) (C) [(Em)]
 Gm7 Am C F [Am]



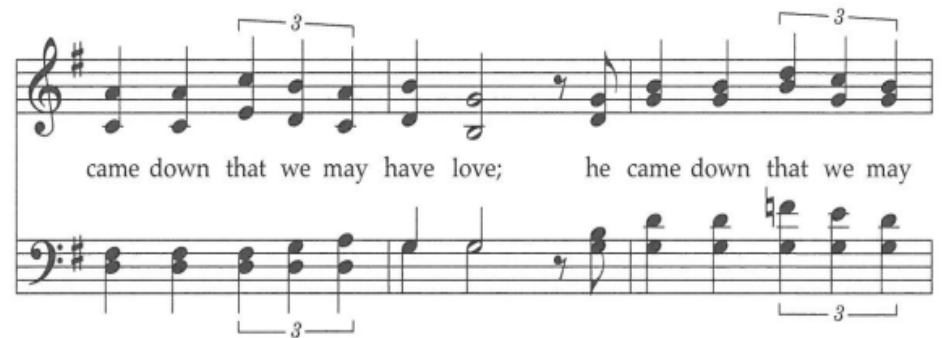
new a right spir-it with-in me.
 take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me.
 hold me with your free Spir-it.

He Came Down

137



He came down that we may have love; he



came down that we may have love; he came down that we may



have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Leader: Why did he come?

I Come with Joy 515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
F B \flat C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F \sharp m) (D)
Csus Cm B \flat Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F \sharp) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
Gm F/A B \flat C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

607 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.