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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
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ONLINE WORSHIP

August 23rd, 2020

10:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE **Alex Sandor**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT **Morning Has Broken** **#664**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 54) **Leslie Anderson**

One: Save us, O God, by your name, and vindicate us by your might.

All: Hear our prayers O, God.

One: Give ear and eye to our words.

All: Surely, God is our helper; the Lord is the upholder of our lives.

One: We will rejoice and be glad.

All: Because God restores our souls.

HYMN **His Eye is on the Sparrow** **#661**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Rev. Richard Blood**

One: Let us pray.

All: God who meets us in the storms of our lives, we come before you knowing that our faiths are not as strong as they could be. We confess that often when the storms of life come we freeze in fear and anxiety. We confess that it is hard to “get out of the boat.” Forgive us for our inaction. Forgive us for our fear. Forgive us for the ways in which we are selfish and closed off. As we worship outside together remind us of your peace and promises in the storm of life. Inspire us God to reflect a faith that is built on you. Aid us in our times of need and crisis. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Rev. Richard Blood**

Family, everyday we are presented with choices. We know that grace has made us free from sin and yet we continue to act in ways that are contrary to God’s purposes. We sin. 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.”** Please also say “Hello” to one another.

TIME WITH CHILDREN **Kathryn Craven & Laura Foote**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Eric Schlacks**
Old Testament Reading **Psalm 124:1-8**

SERMON **“Meteorology: Do Not Be Afraid.”**
Rev. Brett M. Foote
New Testament Reading **Matthew 14:22-33**

HYMN **It is Well With My Soul** **#840**

OFFERING
Moment for Mission **Jan Letsos**
Offertory **Alex Sandor**

RESPONSE
God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of order in the midst of chaos, 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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

OLD TESTAMENT READING *PSALM 124* *Eric Schlacks*

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
—let Israel now say—
if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Jesus Walks on the Water

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY 8/23

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship
11:30 a.m. Coffee Break (zoom)

MONDAY 8/24

TUESDAY 8/25

WEDNESDAY 8/26

10:00 a.m. PW Officers meeting at church
4-6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up

THURSDAY 8/27

12:00 Staff Meeting (Zoom)
4:30 p.m. CYF meeting (Zoom)

FRIDAY 8/28

SATURDAY 8/29

Birthdays This Week

8/23 Camryn Shepard
8/24 Judith Evenstad
8/28 Eric Rude
8/29 Anna Downs
8/29 Audry Krube

FRIDAY FISH FRY

Boy Scout Troop 221 will be hosting a Fish Fry carry-out from 4-7p.m. on Friday, August 21st (UPC).

COMMUNITY DINNER

August 16th will be our next Community Dinner at UPC. This will be carry-out only from 4-5:30p.m. Please drive through and pick up your meal to go. Serving Brats, potato salad, baked beans and rice crispy treats.

There will be no PW meeting in September.

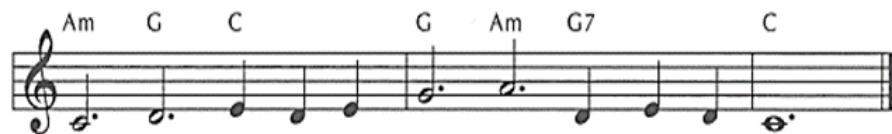
Morning Has Broken 664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

THANKSGIVING

661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? Why should the shad - ows come?
 2 "Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der word I hear,
 3 When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, when - ev - er clouds a - rise,



Why should my heart be lone - ly and long for heaven and home,
 and rest - ing on his good - ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh - ing, when hope with - in me dies,



when Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is he:
 though by the path he lead - eth but one step I may see:
 I draw the clos - er to him; from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;



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I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, (I'm hap - py) I sing be - cause I'm free, (I'm free)



This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29-30/Luke 12:6-7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.

840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

TEXT: Horatio G. Spafford, 1876, alt.
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

VILLE DU HAVRE
 11.8.11.9 with refrain

It is well, it is well with my soul.

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.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 55:12, which is generally understood to describe a "second exodus," this time from Babylon rather than from Egypt. This release of God's people and their return to their own land gives rise to a joyful celebration involving all creation.

TEXT: Steffi Geiser Rubin, 1975
 MUSIC: Stuart Dauermann, 1975
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THE TREES OF THE FIELD
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