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Communion Sunday

September 2, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

***INTROIT**

Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia."

Come into God's presence singing, "Jesus is Lord,
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."

Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia." (Tune: #413)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 15

One: Who can live in your tent, Lord?

All: Who can dwell on your holy mountain?

One: Those who live free of blame and do what is right;

**All: Those who speak truth sincerely and do no
damage with their talk;**

One: Those who do no harm to a friend and refuse to
insult a neighbor;

**All: Those who despise the wicked, but honor
those who praise the Lord;**

One: Those who keep their promises even when it hurts;

**All: Those who don't charge interest on a loan and
won't accept a bribe.**

One: Whoever does these things will never stumble.

***HYMN** *Lift up the Gates Eternal* #364

(Note: This hymn begins with the refrain, and thereafter, the
refrain follows stanzas 2, 4, and 6.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. We are
dressed in his righteousness and God graciously
invites us into a new realm.

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We
do not always speak the truth. We sometimes harm
one another by speaking carelessly or being silent
when we should speak up. We fail to listen with our
hearts and make premature judgements based on
hurried observations. Often we cannot see past our
own needs. Forgive us. Restore in us a love for each
other and for all your children. In Jesus' name, we
pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God has blessed each of us with love. It is God's
perfect gift, poured out on us that we might show
God's love in all we say and do.

**All: Thanks be to God. Such love brings us
abundant peace and joy.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*You are invited to share the blessing of Christ's peace with those
near you by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

***HYMN** *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us* #436

Prayer cards may be given to usher to be brought forward.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

We invite all to participate in this sacrament, regardless of age or church affiliation. Please come forward to receive the bread and cup. You may eat and drink as you are served. A server will bring the elements to persons who prefer to remain seated. We use gluten free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks together.

All: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you satisfy us and strengthen our commitment to follow in Jesus' way. Now send us forth in power that we may proclaim your redeeming love for all. May our joy in your salvation be evident in all we say and do. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER

***CLOSING HYMN** *Lord, Make Us More Holy* #313

*BENEDICTION

One: As you leave this place, may the living Lord Jesus go with you.

**All: May the Lord Jesus go behind you to encourage you,
Beside you to befriend you
Above you to watch over you
Beneath you to lift you from your sorrow,
Within you to give you the gifts of peace, hope
and joy,**

One: And always, may the living Lord Jesus go before you to show you the way.

*POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

GOSPEL READING***Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23***

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS***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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 9/2

0:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY 9/3

Happy Birthday – Laura Schlacks

TUESDAY 9/4

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class Happy Birthday- Jade Palmer
2:30 p.m. Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY 9/5

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class Happy Birthday–Arleen Schrieffer
9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Youth Gathering BBQ

THURSDAY 9/6

Happy Birthday-Erick Anderson
Diane Schmitt

FRIDAY 9/7

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

SATURDAY 9/8

MEETING THIS WEEK

Worship Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 2:30 p.m.

P W Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

YOUTH BBQ

You're invited to a UPC Youth Gathering BBQ on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Willmore's house (203 East 4th Street). Hope to see you there! For more information contact Jim or Christy at 218-590-8475 or 218-590-8294.

HARVEST HOME ROAST BEEF DINNER

The Harvest Home Roast Beef Dinner tickets are now being handed out and mailed. Monies received for presold tickets will be due no later than Sunday, September 23. Speak to Jan Letsos for more information.


MEMORIES

Do you have a 20th anniversary memory to share? A story from the annals of our congregation's history? A reflection about what UPC has meant to you? David Waite would love to hear from you! He's compiling memories and reflections to be shared during UPC's anniversary celebration October 6th and 7th. Please submit your comments in writing to him no later than September 9th, and sooner is even better! Give your submission to him in person, mail them, drop them in the church office with his name attached, or email to waitedavid@aol.com. Maximum length, 300 words.

UPCOMING PIANO CONCERT

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, Alexander Sandor will be performing a Piano Concert here at UPC. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering is always appreciated. See concert posters for more information.

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be asked for and collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Letsos at 715-394-6009
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR

Reverend Charlotte Frantz

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Wayne Phelps &
Mary Kay Coone