

## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Call the church office at 715-392-4751.



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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  
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072  
or  
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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**July 12th, 2020**

**10:00 A.M.**

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

**PRELUDE** **Alex Sandor**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* **#451**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **(Adapted from Psalm 49)**

One: Heed these words that are for all people, no matter their economic status.

**All: We will incline our ears to God's teaching.**

One: Putting our trust in money is treacherous.

**All: We cannot purchase our lives so that we may live forever.**

One: When we die, we take nothing with us.

**All: Yet, even so, our God will lovingly shepherd us from death into eternal life.**

**HYMN** *Great God of Every Blessing* **#694**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God of the garden, we confess to you our lack of sowing seed. We confess to you our lack of tending to our gardens both here in the Twin Ports and in our immediate lives. Forgive us for when we haven't sown seed by sharing the good news in word and deed. Forgive us for when we haven't removed the weeds in our lives and forgive us for not removing the rocks in our gardens that cause stumbling. Help us, O God, to share the good news and tend to the ground of our being. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Family, as humans, we sin. We know that sin has caused our lives to be full of restlessness and woe. God has provided good news that our restlessness can cease when we rest in God. 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** **Laura Foote**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** **Hayley Olson**

*Old Testament Reading*

*Psalm 119: 105-112*

**SERMON**

***"Farming As A Disciple: Sowing Seeds, Pigweed, and Scarecrows"***

**Rev. Brett M. Foote**

*New Testament Reading*

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

**HYMN** *A Sower Came from Ancient Hills* **#171**

**OFFERING**

**Moment for Mission**

**Dolores Larson**

**Offertory**

**Alex Sandor**

**RESPONSE**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below,**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

## PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**God of the garden, 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** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* #543

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### 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>

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

### Birthdays!

Sophia Bergstrom	7/6	Cameron Campbell	7/8
Brendan Tuura	7/9	Wayne Phelps	7/10
Jackie Ranco	7/10	Irene Eskelson	7/11
Gloria Neuman	7/11	John Voss	7/12

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Psalm 119: 105-112**

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
to observe your righteous ordinances.

I am severely afflicted;  
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,  
and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually,  
but I do not forget your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage for ever;  
they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes  
forever, to the end.

**God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me 543**

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,  
4 Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

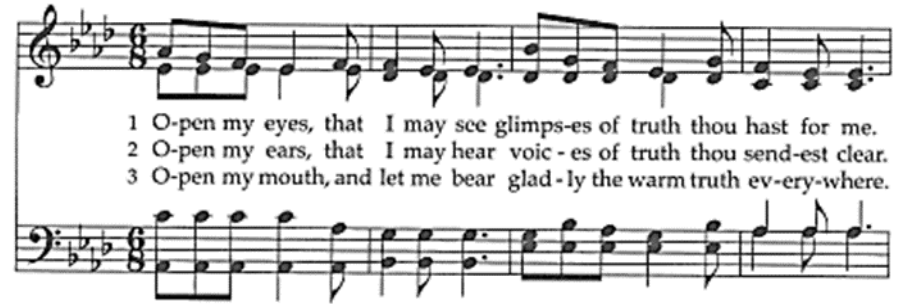


move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

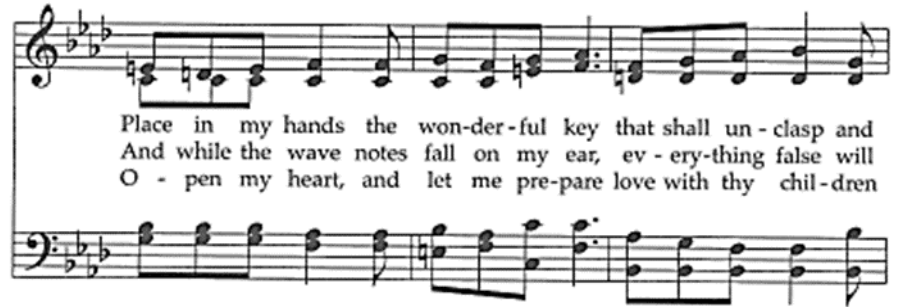


O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

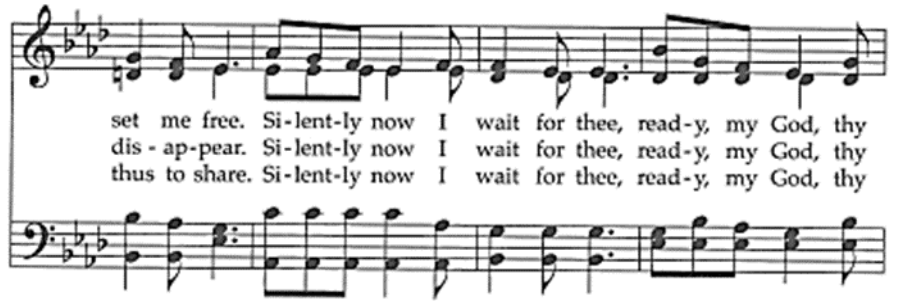
**Open My Eyes, That I May See 451**



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.  
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.  
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will  
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

# 694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

# 171 A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

1 A Sow - er came from an - cient hills and cast good  
 2 A Sow - er walked through - out the land and, ev - ery -  
 3 The Seed was bur - ied deep in death be - neath a  
 4 O Christ, you come a - mong us still, the Sow - er

seed a - broad: his field, ten thou - sand hu - man hearts; his  
 where he trod, he sowed his life be - cause he was him -  
 blood - red sky, and deep - er still was bur - ied hope for  
 and the Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in

seed, the word of God. And some who lis - tened would not  
 self the Seed of God. But then, a - top a bar - ren  
 those who watched him die. But then, in Jo - seph's gar - den  
 glow - ing word and deed, im - plant your Word in wait - ing

hear, and some who heard for - got. But some re - ceived in  
 hill, be - neath a dark - ening sky, they threw God's Seed on  
 fair, as dawn broke o'er the land, the Seed, from three days'  
 hearts, and let it there take hold, un - til it bears in

fer - tile soil the truth the Sow - er taught.  
 ston - y ground and left it there to die.  
 si - lent sleep, a - woke at God's com - mand!  
 fruit - ful lives a har - vest hun - dred - fold.