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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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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

August 22nd, 2021

10:00 A.M.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE Alex Sandor
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** Change My Heart, O God #695

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 95)**

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all.

All: We are the people of God's pasture. We are like sheep following our shepherd.

One: Do not harden your hearts!

All: Listen to the Lord. Follow after the heart of God.

***HYMN** O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! #41

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who calls us beloved, sometimes we are so sure that we don't listen to other perspectives.

Sometimes we speak about you from a place of pride.

Sometimes we criticize others for not being as sure as us.

We want to be humble.

We want to be gracious.

We want to seek truth above all else.

Humble us.

Remind us of how Peter lost faith in Christ and then came back. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Langston Hughes wrote: Hold fast to dreams for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly. Hold fast to dreams for when dreams go, life is a barren field frozen with snow.

God, in Jesus, gives us a dream turned reality. Life can be life with abundance with that dream turned reality ahead of us. Friends, God always forgives us in light of that dream turned reality: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, **"The peace of Christ be with you."** (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may connect with others in a way that is comfortable with you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kathryn Craven

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Andrew Lisak

Psalm 84:1-12

SERMON "The Journey of Faith: Certainty Mixed With Denial and Doubt"

Rev. Brett M Foote

New Testament Reading

John 6:56-69

***HYMN** Why Should I Feel Discouraged #661

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

***RESPONSE**

#716

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of the journey, 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. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. 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** Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees #525

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 84:1-12

To the leader: according to The Gittith. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.
How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where
she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.
Selah

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways
to Zion.
As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the
early rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!
Selah
Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the
tents of wickedness.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour.
No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just
as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever
eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from
heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one
who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was
teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult;
who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complain-
ing about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to
see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that
gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit
and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus
knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was
the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you
that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about
with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon
Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of
eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One
of God.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 8/22

10:00 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY 8/23

TUESDAY 8/24

1 PM UPBeat Deadline

WEDNESDAY 8/25

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)

4 PM UPC Community Garden Planning

4-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 8/26

FRIDAY 8/27

SATURDAY 8/28

Wilderness Adventure Retreat

Birthdays This Week

8/23 Camryn Shepard

8/24 Judy Evenstad

8/28 Eric Rude

LOOKING AHEAD

August 24

UPBeat Deadline

August 28

Wilderness Adventure Retreat

August 31

UPBeat Mailing

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 to the church, you can do
so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW COVID PROCEEDURES

Session unanimously voted to encourage masking for all people due to the rise of the Delta variant in neighboring counties. We will continue to sing in worship, but we encourage the use of masks during all parts of the service, for all people, vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Session is hoping that, with the proper precautions, we can continue to worship safely in person.

This will be in full effect starting **Sunday, August 29th**.

ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **new socks, first aid bags, and flashlights** to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours!

SOFTBALL

UPC softball lost Friday-Saturday in Playoffs VS # Hope 20-4 and VS #5 River Church 18-3. We are so proud of everyone who played and cheered for UPC!



CONTACTING US

If you need to contact Pastor Brett and he doesn't answer on his cell phone, please call the church to leave a message, as his voicemail sometimes malfunctions.

On that note, our phone is on the fritz due to a number of reasons, so if you're attempting to reach us and are struggling to get through, please call again later, or email us. The phone has also been randomly disconnecting, so if we hang up on you, know that we are sorry, and please try again!

COFFEE HOUR

Following the service on the first Sunday of every month, Fellowship and Outreach will be serving coffee outside. The second Sunday will be done by the Presbyterian Women. If any other groups or committees would like to take the other Sundays, they are welcome to do so.

WILDERNESS ADVENTURE RETREAT

August 28th is our Wilderness Adventure Retreat at the Lake Nebagamon YMCA camp. We have use of the camp between 11-5. F&O will provide some light breakfast snack items upon arrival and a campfire meal later in the afternoon. We will enjoy some games, arts and crafts, walking, lots of singing and fellowship, and possibly some water activities. Everyone is invited to come and play or to just to visit with one another. All ages are invited.

DOORS TO THE NARTHEX

The Building and Grounds Committee would like your help to reduce the Church's utility bill by keeping the doors from the fellowship hall to the narthex closed. These two areas are heated and cooled by different air conditioning units. The thermostats are set at different temperatures. So if the doors separating these areas are left open, the units will run more than necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PDA BAGS

Good news! 50 PDA bags are ready to be filled. Due to a very generous donation last summer, we already have enough pencils. The first of the school supplies ad will be appearing soon.

PDA School Kit Supplies

1—Pair of blunt scissors (blunt tip)

3—70-count spiral notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf paper)

1—30 centimeter ruler (12 inches)

1—Hand-held pencil sharpener

1—Box of 24 crayons

Please donate only items on this list, as some of the bags may need to go through customs, and PDA has clearance for the bags filled this way.

Thank you!

WEEDING

We need some help weeding the landscaped area on the side facing 28th street. If you feel up to helping with that, make sure to bring gloves (they are prickly), and swing by anytime to help out! If you have any questions, you may contact Beth Lisak.

UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANNING MEETING

We hope to start a UPC community garden next spring! So now is the time to start planning for it. Accordingly, the first planning meeting will take place Wednesday, August 25, at 4 pm (in person). Please join us then if you are interested in helping with this project. Questions? Contact Marian Langan (moms76triumph@yahoo.com; 218-213-8087) or Deborah Schlacks (desertswan@aol.com; 715-392-9195).

CONVERSATION CHURCH SEPTEMBER 19

So often we sit side by side and week after week in the pews without truly getting to know one another. We've been focusing on relationship building over the last two months and we see this as a great way to continue the conversation. After a year of isolation made harder by political divisiveness and social unrest, our society is desperately in need of spaces for connection and conversation. We at United know that change, growth, and healing can only come through curiosity, empathy, and courage. During this very different worship service put together by the worship committee and myself, we hope to move beyond small talk to practice curiosity, listening, and connection. Therefore, our time will focus on facilitating a unique conversation during a worship service that might provide fellowship, connection, and a glimpse of the holy. The service will last roughly one hour, and people will gather, hear scripture read, engage in thirty minutes of intentional and guided conversation with their neighbors as the sermon moment, and close with prayer and Holy Communion. We hope that you'll join us on Sunday, September 19 during our normal worship time.

BEETS ARE COMING!

On Friday, September 3rd, we would love for anyone who can to please come help out with beets! We'll begin working at 9 AM. Contact Judy Evenstad with questions (218-428-7364)

Change My Heart, O God 695

Cámbiame, Señor 항상진실케

Refrain / Estribillo / 후렴

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.
Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor, *con tu gran po - der.*
 항 상 진 실 케 내 맘 바 꾸 사

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
Haz - me co - mo tú, *tu yo quie - ro ser.*
 주 님 의 모 습 닻 게 하 소 서

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.
Tú el al - fa - re - ro, *yo el ba - rro soy.*
 주 는 토 기 장 이 나 는 진 흙

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Só - lo a tu j - ma - gen, *quie - ro siem - pre ser.*
 날 빛 으 소 서 기 도 하 오 니

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

C G7 C F C

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,

A7 Dm G7 C

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,

C G7 C F Dm

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:

G G7 C C#dim7 G7 C

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

C7 F Fm C G7 C

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

Refrain

G7 C G7 C

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

C7 F Fm C G7 C

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

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B^b



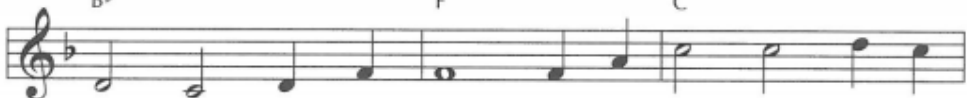
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
B^b F C



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B^b C F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B^b F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Let Us Break Bread Together 525



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)



Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

