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COMMUNION SUNDAY

September 1, 2019

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** *God Welcomes All* (Repeated 4 times) #399
Dean Hecht

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 8)

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

All: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

One: When we look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have established.

All: Who are we that You are mindful of us, mortals that You care for us?

One: Yet You have made us a little lower than You, and crowned us with glory and honor.

All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

***HYMN**

O for a World

#372

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us Pray.

All: God who provides our daily bread and our abundance, we confess to You that sometimes we do not think of those less fortunate. We do not think of those who You say are nearest to You. Often we think of ourselves. Sometimes we think of those who will help us. Rarely do we think of helping those that can't help themselves. Sometimes we are stubborn. Sometimes we neglect hospitality. Forgive us for our self centeredness and partiality. Forgive us of these sins. Teach us God. Show and remind us of the ways in which You have called us to serve those near to Your heart. In the name of the Holy Trinity, *Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: See what great love God has for God's children. That while we were yet living in our sin, Christ was born for us, Christ lived for us, Christ died for us, Christ rose again for us, and Christ will come again for us. Despite our shortcomings and sin, God loves us. 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 OF CHRIST

*You are invited to bless those around you with the words,
"The peace of Christ be with you."*

*RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(#591, refrain only)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Christy Willmore

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Sue Olson
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sandy LeMieux

SERMON *Stubborn: At the Table*

Rev. Brett Foote

*HYMN *For Everyone Born* #769 (vs.1,2,3,5)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Confession of Belhar (Abridged)
We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

*OFFERING HYMN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures, here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. *Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of giving, thank You for opening the hearts of so many. Thank you for these tithes and offerings. Thank you for this generosity. Help and guide us God, to honor and glorify You with how we invest this money into our neighbors and our communities. Show and remind us where the greatest needs reside. May we be a part of bringing Your kingdom to this earth as it is in heaven. May we love well. In Christ's name, *Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN *Come to the Table of Grace* #507
(please remain seated)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND LORD'S 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. Your Son taught His disciples to pray when they asked how by saying . . .

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, and the glory and the power, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age or church affiliation. We use gluten free bread and non-alcoholic juice. Please come forward down the center aisle. Eat and drink as you are served. Return by a side aisle. If you prefer not to come forward, a server will be happy to bring the elements 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** *You Shall Go Out With Joy* #80
(x2)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in back of the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

'But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would not submit to me.
So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels.
O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!
Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,
and turn my hand against their foes.
Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
and their doom would last forever.
I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 9/1

10:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY 9/2 *Labor Day*

TUESDAY 9/3

Happy Birthday – Laura S

WEDNESDAY 9/4

9:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Meeting

4:00 p.m. Board of Deacons Meeting

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CSA

Happy Birthday – Jade P

THURSDAY 9/5

FRIDAY 9/6

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. OPEN HOUSE at Laura and Pastor Brett Foote's
1307 Cypress Avenue, Superior

Happy Birthday – Erick A
Diane S

SATURDAY 9/7

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at The Superior Family Restaurant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

MEETING THIS WEEK

Presbyterian Women Wednesday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m.
Deacon's Meeting Wednesday, September 4 at 4:00 p.m.
Men's Breakfast Saturday, September 7 at 8:30 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY

This Fall will again see two Bible Study groups available at UPC-Superior. One on Tuesday morning at 9:30 am and the other Monday evening at 6:30 pm. They will happen on the 2nd Tuesday and on the 4th Monday. The title of the study is *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Please mark your calendars so you are ready to attend. See Janice Letsos to purchase a book ahead of time. 715-394-6009. Material cost of \$10. The first class is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE FOOTE'S

WHAT: OPEN HOUSE AT LAURA AND PASTOR BRETT'S

WHEN: Friday, September 6. 5:00-7:00 p.m.

WHERE: 1307 CYPRESS AVE., SUPERIOR, WI

WHO: All of you!

If you would like, you can bring a ready dish to share. However, there is no obligation to bring a dish so please do not let that deter you from attending. Grilled/Smoked hot dogs and buns will be provided by us. Bring your "A-game" for some Cornhole (bean bag toss) and bring a lawn chair if you would like. Please e-mail Pastor Brett at bfoote.upc@gmail.com or call/text him at (717)247-4433 to let him and Laura know you are attending.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR FOOTE

An Installation Service for Pastor Brett Foote will be here at United Presbyterian on Sunday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. A dinner in the fellowship hall will follow the service.

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 22. Speak to Jan Letsos for more information.

CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY – All ages welcome.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, September 14 at 12:30 p.m.

Ruth House – New Location. 632 Grand Avenue, Superior and later that day there will be a **PICNIC AND YARD GAMES** at the Willmore House, 203 East 4th Street, Superior
Contact Christy Willmore at cwillmore.upc@gmail.com.


COMMUNITY DINNER

United Presbyterian will be hosting a Community Dinner on **Sunday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m.** Volunteers are always welcome.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

On **Sunday, September 22**, following the worship service, there will be a special adult education opportunity here at UPC. Emmie Arnold, a new chaplain resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, will join us to speak about what it means to be human, to be loved by God, and how that affects how we interact with others.

**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 collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

Pastor

Reverend Brett Foote

Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Christy Willmore

Choirmaster & Handbell Director

Jane Wester

Organist & Pianist

Alex Sandor

Deacons

Ethel Bartholomew and Kathy Nelson