

## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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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### ONLINE WORSHIP

**August 16th, 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 53)**

One: God looks down from heaven on humankind.

**All: Are there any who are wise, who seek after God?**

One: There are some who do not call out to God in distress.

**All: We pray for deliverance, from you our God.**

One: We will rejoice and be glad.

**All: Because God restores our souls.**

**HYMN** **Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!** **#839**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God whose long term plan is redemption, we come before you and are sad and depressed with the world's current situation. We confess that we are tired both physically and mentally of despair. Forgive us for our fatigue. Forgive the moments where we can't believe it will get better. As we worship outside remind us of your bent towards hope and wholeness. Inspire us God to reflect on how you've brought good and redemption in the past after long periods of pain. Help us to cry out for redemption today and this week. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Family, we rebel against God, we sin both purposefully and by accident. Even though, God is a God of mercy and forgiveness. God lavishes grace upon us in our rebellion. 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** **Marian Lanigan**

*New Testament Reading* *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

**SERMON** **"Neck Hugs: Playing The Long Game"**  
**Rev. Brett M. Foote**

*Old Testament Reading* *Genesis 45:1-15*

**HYMN** **For the Beauty of the Earth** **#14**

**OFFERING**

**Moment for Mission**

**Offertory**

**Special Music**

**Alex Sandor**

**Andrew Lisak**

**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.

**All: God whose trajectory for all is redemption, 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 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore #721**

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

***Genesis 45:1-15***

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

# 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

# Morning Has Broken 664

C Am Dm G Dm G C

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

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

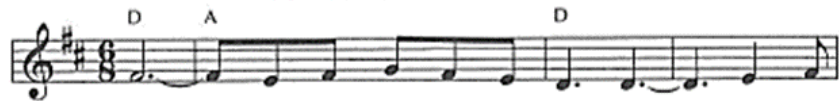
spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am G7 C

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!

# 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*Tú has venido a la orilla*



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing  
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat  
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my  
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly  
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will  
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant  
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.  
 find there my nets and la - bor.  
 love that keeps on lov - ing.  
 friend, as thus you call me:

*Refrain / Estribillo*



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while  
 Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my  
 en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la g -



boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your  
 re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to g



side I will seek oth - er seas.  
 ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

# For the Beauty of the Earth 14



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:



*Refrain*



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

