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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 ([jan\\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com](mailto:jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com)) or

Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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**Online Worship**

**November 14th, 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** **Lord, Prepare Me** **#701**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 105)**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the Twin Ports.

**All: Sing to God, sing praises to our God; tell of all God's wonderful works.**

One: Remember the wonderful works the Divine has done, God's miracles, and the judgements God has uttered.

**All: God remembers and keeps promises.**

One: God brings us out of despair with clapping and joy.

**All: May we remember God's promises! Praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN** **Great is Thy Faithfulness** **#39**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God who lifts us up out of the pit,  
There are days when we are in or feel like we are in, the ash heap.**

**We know that not everything is on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Forgive us for the times when we make it so for others:**

**For when we cause others pain**

**For when we exclude others**

**For when we judge others.**

**For when we don't go out of our way to serve others.**

**Forgive us also for when we do these very things to ourselves.**

**Help us to make all things "as above, so below."**

**Help us to love as you love.**

**May your Holy Spirit guide us in this, the work your Son Jesus calls us to.**

**In Christ's name we pray name, Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Maya Angelou writes in her poem *Still I Rise*: "You may write me down in history with your bitter, twisted lies, you may trod me in the very dirt but still, like dust, I'll rise. Does my sassiness upset you? Why are you beset with gloom? 'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells pumping in my living room. Just like moons and like suns, with the certainty of tides, just like hopes springing high, still I'll rise. Did you want to see me broken? Bowed head and lowered eyes? Shoulders falling down like teardrops, weakened by my soulful cries? Does my haughtiness offend you? Don't you take it awful hard 'cause I laugh like I've got gold mines diggin' in my own backyard. You may shoot me with your words, you may cut me with your eyes, you may kill me with your hatefulness, but still, like air, I'll rise."

Angelou, in this beautiful excerpt of her poem, is writing about her experience as a black woman in America. I'm convinced her words have many things to teach us, but one such thing is that God is moving all things towards justice, truth, and equality out of pain and hurt. God is moving each and every person toward those things, where we may sit at tables together before our God. When we get it wrong, when we trod on others, shoot with words, cut with eyes, or kill with hate, God is still moving us to that reality. Thank God for that 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** **Laura Foote**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** **Diane Schmitt**  
**New Testament Reading** **Mark 13:1-8**

**SERMON "When It Doesn't Make Sense: As Above, So Below"**  
**Rev Brett M. Foote**  
**Old Testament Reading** **1 Samuel 1:11, 17-18, 20**  
**2:1-10**

**\*HYMN** **My Soul Cries Out** **#100**

**OFFERING**  
**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

**OFFERTORY** **Alex Sandor**  
**\*RESPONSE** **#717**

**For the life that you have given,**

**For the love in Christ made known**

**With these fruits of time and labor,**

**With these gifts that are your own:**

**Here we offer, Lord, our praises;**

**Heart and mind and strength we bring;**

**Give us grace to love and serve you,**

**Living what we pray and sing.**

**\*PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: God who lifts up the pain filled, broke, and broken hearted, 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 love alongside 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** O Beautiful for Spacious Skies #338

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*VETERANS REMEMBRANCE**

**\*POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

***Mark 13:1-8***

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

**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>

**United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**

**SUNDAY 11/14**

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Morning Worship  
Coffee Hour following service  
11:30 AM Confirmation  
11:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal  
4-5 PM Hotdish Initiative  
6 PM Volleyball

**MONDAY 11/15**

3:45-8 PM Piano Lessons  
6 PM Cub Scouts

**TUESDAY 11/16**

4-8 PM Piano Lessons  
4:15 PM Mission Committee

**WEDNESDAY 11/17**

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)  
1 PM Caregiver Conversations  
1 PM UPBeat Deadline  
3-7 PM Piano Lessons  
4-6 PM CSA Pickup

**THURSDAY 11/18**

3:30 Refugee Exhibit—F&O  
6:15 PM Session Meeting  
7 PM AA Meetings

**FRIDAY 11/19**

**SATURDAY 11/20**

**Birthdays This Week**

11/15 Rebecca Olson  
11/15 Angel Phillips  
11/15 Erica Schulz  
11/16 Olivia Pennington  
11/17 Dean Hecht  
11/17 Serena Lamers-McClellan  
11/18 Debra Karvonen  
11/20 Tim Schmitt

**LOOKING AHEAD**

November 14 Hotdish Initiative  
November 21 Community Dinner

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Samuel 1:11, 17-18, 20 2:1-10*

She made this vow: 'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.' Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

Hannah prayed and said,  
'My heart exults in the Lord;  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory.

'There is no Holy One like the Lord,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
and by his actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

The Lord kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honour.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,  
and on them he has set the world.

'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.

The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,

and exalt the power of his anointed.'

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

Session unanimously voted to encourage masking for all people due to the rise of variants 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.

### ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **hand warmers, mittens, hats, wool socks, and scarves** to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours!

### VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will be played every Sunday between 6pm -730pm in the UPC gym. The church suggests you wear a mask, especially if you have not been vaccinated. Come join the fun and bring another player along.

### GET TO KNOW UNITED

If you've been curious to get to know who we are and what we are about at United, Pastor Brett will be leading a group for this very purpose soon. Date is TBD. Contact Pastor Brett for more info!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues to take place every week in the Sunday School room on Sundays at 9:15 AM. All Elementary age kids are welcome to join us!

### CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir rehearsals will take place Sundays at 8:45 AM, and Bell Choir will rehearse at 11:45 AM.

### NOTICE FROM PHYLLIS FLAHERTY

Tom & I will be making Belgian Cookies to sell again this year starting Nov 21. They will still be \$5.00 for two dozen, and the money generated will be given to the UPC Women's group.

I will bring a basket of packaged cookies each Sunday starting Nov. 21 through Dec.19th. If you wish to pre-order my phone # is 715-398-6021. E-mail: pflaherty12@charter.net and I am also on Facebook.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will begin this Sunday, November 14th, at 11:30 AM. The rest of the dates will be shared soon.

### UWS REFUGEE EXHIBIT

If anyone is interested in attending the Refugee Exhibit at UWS, Fellowship and Outreach will be attending as a group on November 18th at 3:30. The exhibit should take about half an hour. There will be a meal after at VIP. Please feel free to join us if you have the time!

## Donate to the UPC Community Garden Project Starting Tomorrow!



The Community Garden Committee is raising money for the soon-to-be-created UPC Community Garden! We've connected with SeedMoney, which helps nonprofits raise money for community food gardens. What's more, SeedMoney awards challenge grants, so if this project does well enough raising money compared to other participating projects, it will be awarded a grant of from \$100-\$1000.

Here's how it works: Beginning **tomorrow (Monday, November 15) at 11 am**, the UPC campaign will "go live" here: <https://donate.seedmoney.org/6671/united-presbyterian-church-community-garden>. Folks can make donations any time between then and **Wednesday, December 15 at 11 AM**.

The project will receive all the money raised in the campaign (minus a small credit-card processing fee), and if the project is awarded a grant, it will receive the grant money on top of that.

How can you help? Give to this cause, using the "donate" button on the campaign page. Credit and debit cards, PayPal, and Google Pay are accepted.

Lack a way to donate online? Someone will be available after each church service of the fundraising month (11/21, 11/28, 12/5, and 12/12) to assist you in making a donation.

One more way to help: share the link to the campaign page via social media so as many people as possible learn of the opportunity to give to this cause.

Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at 218-348-6032 or at [desertswan@aol.com](mailto:desertswan@aol.com).

## Lord, Prepare Me

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Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,  
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

## Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 러 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

# 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

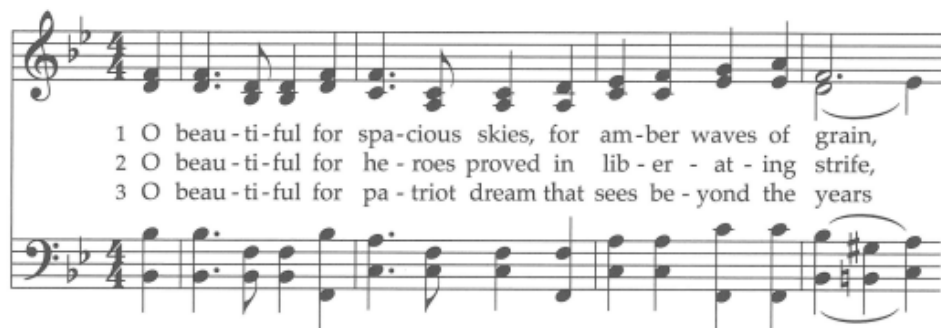


fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

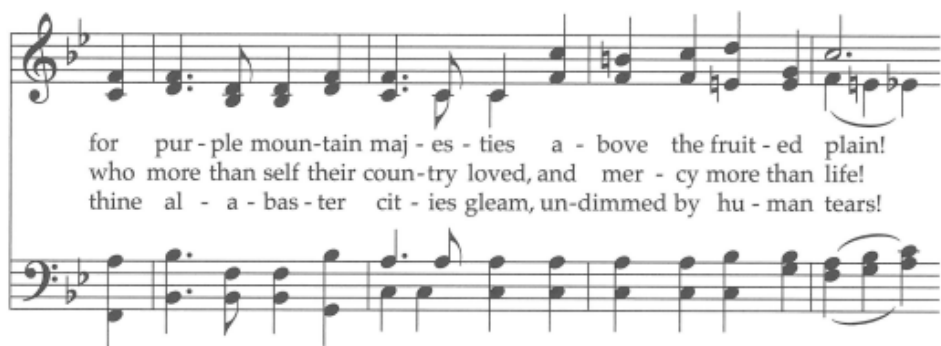


dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

# O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338



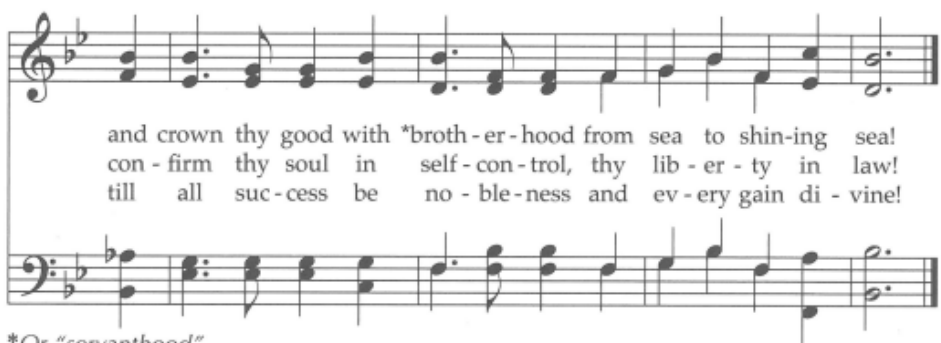
1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!  
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!  
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine



and crown thy good with \*broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!  
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!  
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

\*Or "servanthood"