

Rest *for the* Weary

Come to me, all you who
are weary and burdened, and
I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28, NIV



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

555 Bingham Avenue
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783
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July 5th, 2026

CRE – Brenda Ransom
Liturgist—Dee Musgrave
Music Director: Kay Boyne / Guitar: David Blackburn



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “Reflection on ‘America’” (Wagner)

INTROIT “I Love You, Lord” (Klein)

CALL TO WORSHIP

I trust in your steadfast love, O God; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

I will sing praises unto you, O Lord, because you have dealt bountifully with me.

Let us worship god!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Our hearts leap with joy at the sight of your goodness; you are the bountiful source of compassion and care. You deal bountifully with us in our goings and comings; you are attuned to our needs before we utter a word. Your wisdom is vast; we cannot comprehend it, yet you send Christ who makes your will known. As we sit now at the feet of your glory open our ears to hear of your faithfulness and our mouths to sing you our praises. Amen.

✠ HYMN “Battle Hymn Republic” **#804**

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous Judge and Benevolent Ruler, hear us as we confess our sin. We are prone to punish those who offend us. We hasten to harm the image of those with whom we disagree. In the midst of diversity, we are quick to determine who shall be saved or condemned while claiming that you alone discern all goodness and truth. Help us to hear again how Christ died to save all of humanity and hinder our efforts to decide who will enter your kingdom. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Paul writes, “But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Therein lies our assurance that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

✠	GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father” <i>Glory be to the Father,</i> <i>and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,</i> <i>As it was in the beginning,</i> <i>is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</i>	#812
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✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of God be with you.
And also, with you.
Greet one another in Peace.

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Life

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM "We Will Remember You" (Hayes)

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING	Test.	Blk Pg.	Red pg.
Romans 7: 15-25	New	137	191
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30	New	10	14

SERMON “Why a Yoke?”

✠ HYMN “If My People’s Hearts Are Humbled” #805

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Prayers of the People

OFFERTORY “Communion” (Heller)

✠ DOXOLOGY “O Bless the Gifts” #817

O Bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

“In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o’er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.” As we glory in the cross of Christ, O God, so we also seek to serve the cause for which he died. Accept the gifts placed before you as symbols of our commitment. May the light of your sacred story shine forth for all to see. Amen.

✠ HYMN “God of Our Father’s” #809

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE “Postlude in G” (Peterson)

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you. Jesus welcomed everyone; that is our aim, too. Whether you are here for the first time or the thousandth, we count ourselves blessed by your presence. Persons interested in more information about the First United Presbyterian Church, or in joining this congregation, are invited to fill out a 'Welcome' card found in the pews, or to call the church office. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ✦ Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM
The nursery is available for your use during the worship service.
- ✦ A Celtic cross (✦) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.
- ✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.
- ✦ If you need the Pastor after office hours, please call the church and leave a message on the Pastor's voicemail. If you call during office hours and he is not available, the staff may be able to provide his cell #.
- ✦ Pre-service refreshments are available each Sunday in the Westminster Room.

FOR THE **HEARING IMPAIRED**

Hearing assistance devices are available. If you would like to use a receiver, please ask an Usher for assistance.



The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit

***We ask that you remember these people in your prayers
throughout the coming week:***



Marge Simpkins, Geraldine Carnahan,
Ronan Mouw, Dr. Pat Newhouse, Stephanie Vert,
all those who are traveling,
all those who are homebound,
all missionaries, and all members of the
U.S. Armed Forces.

***Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.
Unless we are informed otherwise, names are listed for 2 weeks.***

FUPC Meetings/Groups—standard gathering times / or as noted.

Choir Practice—Every Wednesday at 5:30pm / Every Sunday at 9:15am

Circle 3—2nd Thursday at 9:30am (WR)

Deacons—2nd Sunday at 11:15am (WR)

Men's Study Group—Every Friday at 9:00am (WR)

Presbyterian Women—3rd Tuesday at Noon (SH)

Session—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (WR)

Textile Social Group—1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am (SH)

Trustees—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (LB)

Women's Bible Study -- 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am (WR)

Minister: Rev. Mark D. Gabbard / pastor@soopresbyterian.org

Commissioned Ruling Elder: Brenda Ransom

Clerk of Session: Julie Walsh

President of Trustees: Ron Meister

Chairman of Deacons: Jeanne Shibley

Music Director/Organist: Kay Boyne / *Guitarist: David Blackburn*

Administrative Assistant: Maria Price / office@soopresbyterian.org

Sexton: Jason Fuller

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Pastor's Office Hours: 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday-Friday

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A VERY SPECIAL “THANK YOU” TO Amie Lawson and all the volunteers that contributed to making this year’s Vacation Bible School a success!

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Wednesday, July 8th.

THE FEEDING AMERICA FOOD TRUCK will be at the Big Bear Parking Lot on Thursday, July 9th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

THE HIAWATHALAND CHORUS will be performing on Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 PM at LSSU and on Saturday, July 25th at 7:00 PM at the Rudyard Christian Reformed Church for Summerfest.

THE FUPC FOOD PANTRY DATES FOR JULY ARE July 14th and July 28th. Our food pantry is always the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 3:30 – 5:00 PM.

ATTENTION ALL DEACONS: There will NOT be a meeting next Sunday.

MUSIC IN THE PARK on July 15th is “FINDING FEATHERS” and on July 22nd the “PETOSKEY STEEL DRUM BAND”. Music in the Park is being held at the Soo Locks Park at 7:00 PM.

PW’S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE IS SET FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST! Please look through your closets, basements, attics and garages and bring your donations in to help with this great event. Also, if you are able to volunteer or help with set up or tear down, please contact Doris Boogerd at 616.901.4299

THE PRESBYTERY WOMEN’S GROUP has restocked their sales items in the church office. There are window cleaners, salad recipe books and dishcloths for sale during office hours Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

*OFFERING FOR 6.28.26	\$3,976.00
*ATTENDANCE FOR 6.28.26:	63
*TOTAL ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE:	251
*TOTAL OFFERING FOR JUNE:	\$14,259.30
*CHURCH EXPENSES FOR JUNE:	\$14,774.93

Friendly Reminders

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 7/8 – Office will be closed
- 7/14 – FUPC Food Pantry 3:30 – 5:00 PM
- 7/19 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost
- 7/23 & 7/24 – Church office will be closed.
- 7/26 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

This Week At A Glance

SUNDAY 7/5

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)

9:00am - Choir Practice (S)

10:00am - Worship Service (S)

**Communion*

MONDAY 7/6

7:00pm - Scout Troop #105 (SH)

TUESDAY 7/7

Try a new recipe

WEDNESDAY 7/8

Help a neighbor

THURSDAY 7/9

Enjoy nature

FRIDAY 7/10

9:00am – Men's Study Group (WR)

SATURDAY 7/11

7:00pm - AA

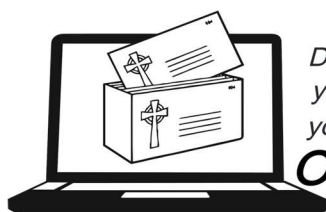
SUNDAY 7/12

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)

9:00am - Choir Practice (S)

10:00am - Worship Service (S)

WR-Westminster Room, MR-Music Room, S-Sanctuary, LB-Library, SH-Social Hall



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