

The United Church of Northfield Welcomes You To Morning Worship



***“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,
you’re welcome here.”***

May 9, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.

*We are a member of Vermont Conference, The United Church
of Christ and are affiliated with the National Unitarian
Universalist Association and
Northern New England District of the UUA.*

*Historically we are united from
Congregational and Universalist roots.*

The United Church of Northfield

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Mothers' Day Sunday

Prelude & Candle Lighting

Alison Cerutti

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song: *Sing Praises, All You People*

***Call To Worship:** (Congregation response in **bold**)

The song of God's love spreads abroad in all the earth – to every race and nation.

It dances through barriers of history and prejudice.

Let all the peoples praise you!

The song rises among the silenced and rejected, the suffering and the longing ones.

Let all the peoples praise you!

The song can be heard on the road of life waiting to offer hospitality.

Let all the peoples praise you!

The song brings melodies of delight within the Body of Christ here.

Let all the peoples praise you!

All creation is gathered close to the heart of its Makers.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"

No 19 Pilgrim Hymnal

Morning Prayer: (Unison)

Ever-guiding Spirit, in this time of worship, open us to the paths you call us to travel. Open us to the ones with whom you would have us minister. May we welcome one another with hearts of grace, that together we may be hospitable to your purposes, and open to your call to ministry. Amen.

Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

UCN Choir

Call to Confession:

Our ever-present God is always with us, so let us come near to God so he may dwell within our hearts as we share together our corporate confession.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Even as we hear the echoes of your voice, O God, we know there are many who sit on the edges of life – even the life of the church. They wait in hope but the plates on the tables of love seem to be empty.

(place two empty place settings on the Communion table).

Often we don't think to visit those who live across rivers of cultural differences, with lifestyles and habits that seem strange.

(place two empty, clear glasses next to the plates).

Sometimes we don't recognize other places of prayer, because we are not expecting to see them, especially if the voices there are of those who do not hold power and influence.

(place an unlit candle on the table).

Forgive us when we are not your faithful disciples, Jesus Christ. Call us back to your way of life. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Feel the love of Christ – promised to us from our beginnings and travelling with us to our endings. The hospitality of God waits to greet us again. Know that the table of grace is always set for you. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Congregation's Response:

Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God. Page 793 NCH(black)

Music Offering: *Immortal, Invisible*

UCN Choir

A Time With Children:

Billie Porter

Discovery Hour and nursery care are provided for children of all ages.

Responsive Psalm:

Psalm 67

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Scriptures for the day: Proverbs 10 - 31, Acts 16:9-15

Sermon : "Mothering Character: Hospitality, Outreach & More" Rev. Roger Brown

***Responsive Hymn:** "O God, Whose Steadfast Love" No. 426 New Century Hymnal

Prayers of the People:

These are the joys and concerns of the people. Please share what you would like us to be praying for including a person's name if appropriate.

The Lord's Prayer: 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; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

The Offering: *Today you are invited to offer your gifts to support the ministries of The United Church of Northfield. We also invite your written prayer requests.*

The Offertory

Alison Cerutti

***Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication:** *(in unison)*

We are the loved people of God. Together, in our gifts and in ourselves, we add beauty to life here and beyond us in a myriad of ways. By the Spirit, we become part of the tree of life, for the healing of the nations. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

"May the peace of Christ be with you." Response: "And also with you."

***Closing Hymn:** "Now Thank We All Our God"

No 29 Pilgrim Hymnal

Brief Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Alison Cerutti

** Denotes standing if you are able.*

Please join us for a time of fellowship in Howes Hall hosted by the children and leaders of Discovery Hour in honor of our mother's following this morning's worship service.

Giving for May 2, 2010: 2010 Pledge Income: \$525; Plate Offering: \$148; Heifer Offering: \$10.15, Total Heifer \$313.62; Goal: A Heifer for \$500; Other: Fuel Fund: \$10; OGHS: \$10. **Thank you for your faithful giving!**

The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield

Ministers to the World: The Congregation
Interim Pastor: The Rev. Roger Brown
Ushers: Kevin and Kate Beal
Choir Leadership Today:
Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti
Deacon in Charge: Roy and Liz Butler

Secretary: Laura Ranker
Sexton: Danny Rowe
Greeters: Judy and Frank Plumley
The United Church Choir
Choir Director: Billie Porter
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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH May 10, 2010 – May 16, 2010

- Mon.: 7:00 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.
1:00 P.M. Mayo Nursing Home service planning group.
- Tues.: 6:00 P.M. Search Committee meeting in Howe's Hall.
- Wed.: 7:00 P.M. Women's 12 Step AA Meeting in Howe's Hall.
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal at the home of Billie and Larry Porter.
- Thurs.: 7:15 A.M. Early Bird Bible Study at the Parsonage , 356 Central St.,
Street. All are welcome.
5:30 P.M. Vacation Bible School planning meeting at UMC.
- Fri.: Northfield Play Group for infants and toddlers 9:30 - 11:00; Howe's Hall.
- Sat.: 3:30 P.M. ChoirChimes Rehearsal in Howe's Hall.
- Sun. ChoirChimes presentation during worship service.
- May 16th: Dedication of Search Committee during worship service.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday, May 23rd Public Forum after worship on Feasibility Phase of Capital Campaign presented by David Williams. Information on projects to be addressed and dollar goal.

Adult Study Series "Wrestling with Angels" Each Sunday after coffee hour from 11:45 - 12:45 with a light lunch provided; meeting in the Pastor's Study.

HAVE THE PASTOR FOR DINNER, OF COURSE, WE ARE NOT SUGGESTING YOU SERVE HIM UP AS THE DESSERT COURSE, BUT INVITE HIM INTO YOUR HOME TO SHARE A MEAL. WHAT BETTER WAY TO HELP HIM IN GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH ALL OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AS HE PREPARES US IN OUR SEARCH FOR A SETTLED PASTOR. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTACT THE REV. ROGER BROWN AT THE PARSONAGE (485-7380), ON HIS CELL PHONE (802-380-8198) OR BY EMAIL (ROGLB@YAHOO.COM) TO ARRANGE A DINNER DATE. *From The Deacons.*

PLAYING THE CHOIRCHIMES TAKES NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AND NO SPECIAL MUSICAL TALENT. PEOPLE OF ALL AGES CAN PLAY, BUT IT DOES TAKE A TEAM EFFORT. YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN EXPERIENCING THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY ON **MAY 15th AT 3:30 PM** WHEN THERE WILL BE A **ONE-TIME-ONLY CHOIRCHIMES REHEARSAL** FOR ANY INTERESTED PERSONS. EIGHT PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO PLAY THE CHIMES. PLEASE CONTACT BILLIE (HOME PHONE, 485-4126; CELL PHONE, 371-9565; EMAIL LNBPORTER@TRANS-VIDEO.NET) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE. **WE WILL PRESENT IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MAY 16th.**