

# The United Church of Northfield Welcomes You To Morning Worship



The glory that you have given me I have given  
them, so that they may be

*One*

as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may  
become completely one, so that the world may know that  
you have sent me and have loved them  
even as you have loved me. *John 17:22-23*

***"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here."***

**May 16, 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***  
May 16, 2010 EASTER SEASON 7C

**Prelude & Candle Lighting**

Alison Cerutti

**Words of Welcome**

**Gathering Song:** *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

**\*Call To Worship:**

Leader: God is invisible.

**People: We worship God through Jesus Christ, who made God visible through his human presence on Earth.**

Leader: He is the head of the body, the church.

**People: In him all things hold together.**

Leader: Dizzy with the pace of life, enslaved by our fears and mundane hopes, we search for our invisible God.

**People: Merciful God, who made yourself visible in Jesus of Nazareth, remind us during this hour where you can be found.**

Leader: While the world seems to be falling apart, let us discover you again in him in whom all things hold together, under whose orders life makes sense.

**People: So let us truly be his church, his very own body for all the world to see-- and to take heart. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* No. 30 Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

**Morning Prayer:** (Unison)

**Our Father, whose full glory is unseen by human eyes, as we settle our hearts now to seek you, help us to seek you in the right place: not within ourselves, but high above us. Help us to seek you in the right way: not each by ourselves, but in unity. Help us to seek you in your Son, in whose name we are gathered together, to see your glory revealed. Amen.**

**Prayer Response:** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

UCN Choir

**Call to Confession:**

Let us now approach our time of confession with a somber spirit and a contrite heart.

**Prayer of Confession:** (Unison)

**Jesus prays for us, for "those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father-Mother God, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." As disciples of Christ, we proclaim in our words the hope "that we may all be one," yet we are challenged to reach out in love to others. We forget our calling to be witnesses in the world of the love of God manifest in Christ Jesus and in each of us. Forgive us and help us to bind ourselves to your holy presence. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! The glory that God has manifested in Jesus Christ is given to us so that we may live and love as one. The

promises of God to the faithful rescue us from the hand of anything that binds us and separates us from God, and one another. Because of God's love, manifest in Jesus Christ, we are set free! 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)

**Dedication of the Search Committee**

Insert

**Music Offering:** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

UCN Choir

**A Time With Children**

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

**Scripture for the day:** John 17:20-26

**Sermon Title:** "Begin, Belong, Become...One"

Rev. Roger Brown

**\*Responsive Hymn:** *Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls*

No. 383 NCH (black)

**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:** *Seek Ye First*

presented by the ChoirChimes

**\*Doxology**

page 780 New Century Hymnal (black)

**\*Prayer of Dedication:** (Unison)

**All that we bring to you today, O God, is part of an act of faith. We bring our gifts and our lives, praying that you will expand them in every way, transforming what lies here into daring vehicles for change. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ**

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** *The Church's One Foundation* No. 386 New Century Hymnal (black)

**Brief Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Alison Cerutti

*\* Denotes standing if you are able. NCH = New Century Hymnal (black cover)*

*Please join us for a time of fellowship in Howes Hall after the worship service.*

**Giving for May 9, 2010:** 2010 Pledge Income: \$742; Plate Offering: \$85; Heifer Offering: \$3.85, Total Heifer \$317.47; Goal: A Heifer for \$500; Other: \$166.40; Fuel Fund: \$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: Max Greene and Dean Howe

Secretary: Laura Ranker  
Sexton: Danny Rowe  
Greeters: Bev Dezotell and  
Lorinda Dezotell  
The United Church Choir  
Choir Director: Billie Porter

Choir Leadership Today:  
Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti  
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**THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH**  
***May 17, 2010 – May 23, 2010***

- Mon.: 4:30 P.M. Summer Lunch Program planning, Brown Library Community Room.  
7:00 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.
- Tues.: 7:00 P.M. Church Council Meeting in Howe's Hall.  
6:00 P.M. Search Committee meeting in Howe's Hall.  
UCN Woman's Book Group meeting is on hiatus until further notice.
- 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 Porter's 176 Central Street. All are welcome.  
3:00 P.M. worship service at Mayo Nursing Home.
- Fri.: 9:00 - 11:00 Northfield Play Group for infants and toddlers; Howe's Hall
- Sun.: PENTACOST SUNDAY...WEAR RED!!!  
PUBLIC FORUM After Worship On FEASIBILITY PHASE OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  
Presented by David Williams. Information on projects to be addressed and dollar goal.  
Your attendance is encouraged. Please plan on participating.

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 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](mailto:roglb@yahoo.com)) to arrange a dinner date. *The Deacons.*
- **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**, Saturday **JUNE 19, 2010** from 1:00 to 4:30. Please consider helping with this important church fundraiser. Sign Up to help now. Contact organizers Judy Plumley 485-6117 or Laura Ranker 229-4351.