

**The United Church of Northfield
Welcomes You To Morning Worship**



Pentecost Sunday

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

May 23, 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.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Prelude & Candle Lighting

Alison Cerutti

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song: *Every time I Feel the Spirit*

***Call To Worship:**

Leader: On the wings of the wind,

**People: You loosened our tongues,
And Good News shone like the morning sun.**

Leader: On the dance of the flames,

**People: You stirred our hearts,
And compassion flowed like a healing river.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

People: Wing your way here and fill us with fiery love

***Hymn of Praise:** "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" No. 400 NCH (black)

Morning Prayer: (Unison)

With many voices we praise You, O God. In different ways we serve You. As we assemble before you today we pray that you would send your Spirit upon us and that you would take our diversity and mold it into a common theme of thanksgiving. We pray that you would weave us and the gifts that we offer into a whole cloth of service that will blanket the world with your love, your true goodness and your glory through Jesus Christ, our Living Lord. Dwell, we pray, within our worship and within our hearts that we may bless you and bring everlasting praise to your name. Amen.

Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

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)

O Holy Spirit, our inspiration and our hope, forgive us if we only look for you in smooth, clear words and calm places. When the sounds are complex or unfamiliar, it is all too easy for us to close our ears.

We often make up our minds and remain fixed, listening to one side of politics only, secure in our assumptions and convictions. Sometimes we find the world and its issues too complex and settle for leaving the big issues to others and concentrating on simple activities near to home.

(silent reflection)

Then, sometimes, it seems much more comfortable to stay gathered here in the familiar places for faith rather than scattering ourselves abroad and opening ourselves to your wider life and vision. In your kindness, forgive us now, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

The Spirit hovers like a dove of peace over our lives, waiting to give us new gifts each day. When we pause and face ourselves, owning the truth, God never refuses to gather us into the harmony of love. We are forgiven. Life is restored and renewed.

The Congregation's Response:

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

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.

Music Offering: *Fill-a Me Up!*

UCN Choir

A Time With Children

Billie Porter

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

Scripture for the day: Genesis 11: 1-9, Acts 2: 1-21

Sermon Title: "Spirit Alive!"

Rev. Roger Brown

***Responsive Hymn:** "Breath on Me, Breath of God"

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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 and the special mission offering, "Strengthen The Church." We also invite your written prayer requests.*

The Offertory

Alison Cerutti

***Doxology**

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

Add your love to all that lays here, O God. Make our giving, our prayers, and our commitment an archway to life in the world which adds to that of others and carries with it openness to new possibilities for truth and justice. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

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

***Closing Hymn:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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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 hosted by Bonnie Gayle and Harriet Hirst.

Today – After Worship 11:15

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL FORUM on FEASIBILITY PHASE OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

Information on projects to be addressed and dollar goal.

Giving for May 16, 2010: 2010 Pledge Income: \$1,228.97; Plate Offering: \$62; Heifer Offering: \$9.25, Total Heifer \$326.72; Goal: A Heifer for \$500; Other: 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: Judy Knapp and Leah Knapp

Secretary: Laura Ranker
Sexton: Danny Rowe
Greeters: Marilyn Bruce and
Barbara Barrows

Choir Leadership Today:
Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti
Deacon in Charge: John & Bev Knox

The United Church Choir
Choir Director: Billie Porter
Infant/Toddler Care: Julia Hatch

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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH

May 24, 2010 – May 30, 2010

- Mon.: 7:00 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.
Tues.: 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 Porter's home, 176 Central Street.
Thurs.: 7:15 A.M. Early Bird Bible Study at the Porter's home, 176 Central Street.
All are welcome.
Fri.: 9:00 - 11:00 Northfield Play Group for infants and toddlers; Howe's Hall

UPCOMING EVENT DATES:

- June 6th - Open House at the Parsonage 2:00 - 5:00 PM
June 7th - Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Village Pizza.
June 13th - Children's Sunday
June 19th - Strawberry Festival 1:00 - 4:30 PM.

Strengthen the Church offering is one of the four special mission offerings of Our Church's Wider Mission which the United Church of Northfield participates in as a 5 for 5 church. This offering grows the UCC's future by funding the Stillspeaking Ministry, new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation-especially among woman and people of color.