

**The United Church of Northfield
Welcomes You To Morning Worship
and a Service of Holy Communion**



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

June 6, 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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Prelude & Candle Lighting

Alison Cerutti

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song: *God is So Good*

***Call To Worship:**

Leader: Happy are we who hope in Creator God, who keeps faith forever. This is the Compassionate One. Who brings justice to the oppressed, who holds the vulnerable close in love, who feeds the hungry with good food, and liberates the hearts of all

All: **Happy are we who trust in Divine Gift-giver to provide us with all we need:**

Leader: Daily bread to strengthen the body, flavorful oil to delight the senses, relationships strong and fulfilling, tasks that give purpose to life. May our happy hearts worship God in song and praise.

***Hymn of Praise:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" NCH 42 (BLACK)

Morning Prayer: (Unison)

Faithful God, may you break bread with us, who are hungry in many ways. When we are broken, may we find wholeness. When we feel lost, may we find a home. May our experience of your compassion transform us so we can help make you known through acts of justice and kindness in the world. Amen.

Prayer Response: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

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)

With open hands and hearts ready to receive, we place our trust in you, O Faithful One. You protect us when we are vulnerable, help us find satisfaction for our deep longings, offer us freedom from the binding chains of our past, and lift our discouraged spirits. We are grateful for your goodness revealed through ordinary means (pause).

We speak honestly with you now about the times we missed an opportunity to be compassionate and generous, as you are compassionate and generous to us. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

And God says: I will offer you more than you need, for my forgiveness is endless, my love for you, infinite, my care for you, vast, my compassion, beyond words. Know of this new way of living and shape the world in love, 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. NCH 793 (Black)

Music Offering: *Jesu, Son of God Most Holy*

UCN Choir

A Time With Children

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 146

NCH 719 (Black)

Scriptures for the day: 1 Kings 17:8–24, Luke 7: 11-17

Sermon Title: “The Bread of Compassion”

Rev. Roger Brown

***Responsive Hymn:** “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

NCH 553 (Black)

Sacrament of Holy Communion:(INSERT) *We offer Gluten Free Communion*

The Offering: *Today you are invited to offer your gifts to support the ministries of The United Church of Northfield, the special mission offering Strengthen the Church and the Dolma offering. We also invite your written prayer requests.*

The Offertory

Alison Cerutti

***Doxology**

NCH 780 (Black)

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

We thank you, life-giving God, for so many acts of kindness and compassion visited upon us by your Spirit and your loving servants.

May these gifts serve as agents of compassion through the work of this congregation and into all the world. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

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

***Closing Hymn:** “My Life Flows on In Endless Song”

NCH 478 (Black)

Brief Announcements

Commission:

Leader: Go and live generously in love, trusting that God’s love will never run out and that there’s enough for the whole world.

People: **Full of Spirit we go to be courageous ambassadors of compassion into a world so loved by God.**

Benediction

Postlude

Alison Cerutti

** Denotes standing if you are able. NCH is the New Century Hymnal. PH is the Pilgrim Hymnal.*

There is no coffee hour or Adult Study series this morning but please join us for a time of fellowship at the Open House from 2 - 5 at the Parsonage today.

Giving for May 30, 2010: 2010 Pledge Income: \$280; Plate Offering: \$36; Heifer Offering: \$4.05, Total Heifer \$336.12; Goal: A Heifer for \$500; Other: Fuel Fund; \$0; Strengthen the Church offering: \$20. **Thank you for your faithful giving!**



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 1:00–4:30 Saturday, June 19, 2010.

Take Out Available! Adults \$5.00/ Children 12 and under \$2.50.

SIGN UP TO HELP Contact Judy Plumley 485-6117 or Laura Ranker 229-4351

The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield

Ministers to the World: The Congregation
Interim Pastor: The Rev. Roger Brown
Ushers: Liz and Roy Butler
Choir Leadership Today:
Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti
Deacon in Charge: Billie Porter
Communion Stewards: John Knox, Bev Knox, Barbara Barrows, Bev Dezotell

Secretary: Laura Ranker
Sexton: Danny Rowe
Greeters: Linda & Burley Harvey
The United Church Choir
Choir Director: Billie Porter

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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH

June 7, 2010 – June 13, 2010

- Mon.: 7:00 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.
3 P.M to 8 P.M. Feasibility Study Interviews, United Church office.
- Tues.: 3 P.M to 8 P.M. Feasibility Study Interviews, United Church office.
Search Committee will resume meetings after June 21st.
- Wed.: 7:00 P.M. Women's 12 Step AA Meeting in Howe's Hall.
There will be **NO Wednesday Choir rehearsals** until further notice.
- Thurs.: 7:15 A.M. Early Bird Bible Study at the home of Billie and Larry Porter, 176 Central Street. All are welcome.
7:00 A.M. to 10 A.M. Prayer Vigil for Nick Simon, United Church Sanctuary. All are invited to stop in during that time to offer prayers for Nick and his family.
5:30 P.M. Mission Committee meeting at the Parsonage
7:00 P.M. Prayer Shawl Ministry at the home of Judy Plumley, 266 Central Street.
- Fri.: 9:30 –11 A.M. Northfield Playgroup (birth to 6 yrs), Howe's Hall.
- Sunday: June 13th 10 A.M. **Children's Sunday Worship Service**

SAVE THE DATES!

- Linda Radke, the talented alto soloist from *Arioso* will be offering the special music for our worship on Sunday, June 27, 2010.
- Vermont Food Bank Work Day June 26th. 12 Volunteers Needed; 14 yrs and older; NO OPEN TOED SHOES. Contact Chris Southworth @ 1-802-793-5433; cell.
- Summer Lunch Program deliveries June 29th and July 9th. Volunteers needed. Contact Chris Southworth at 1-802-793-5433, cell phone.