

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.”***

June 20, 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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FATHERS' DAY

Prelude & Candle Lighting

Alison Cerutti

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song: *Tell Them I'm a Child of God*

***Call To Worship:**

One: Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

Many: For some of us, our father's love is like God's love -- too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.

One: Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

Many: For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

One: All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.

All: On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.

***Hymn of Praise:** "This Is My Father's World"

485 PH (Red)

Morning Prayer: (Unison)

Loving God, you who are our father and our mother, we thank you that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will, respecting you as children ought. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring your name and trusting your grace. In the Name of your Son, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Response: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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 One and Spiritual Guide, we come to you this morning mindful of the good things we do in your service. We come to listen for your leading voice, and yet sometimes we do not hear it. Sometimes, we look for a sign in the place that is not quite the word for our life or need at this time. Help us to find the space, the time, the special place, and the wide vision to discern your calling. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Hope in God for we will again sing praise. Trust in God and we will give thanks once again. For the light of God illumines the way to wholeness. The light of God leads us to the very heart of God whose steadfast love never leaves us.

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: As the Deer

UCN Choir

A Time With Children

Billie Porter

Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 42

Page 649 NCH (Black)

Scripture for the day: Kings 19: 1-16

Sermon Title: "I've Had It!"

Rev. Roger Brown

***Responsive Hymn:** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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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. We also invite your written prayer requests.*

The Offertory

Alison Cerutti

***Doxology**

page 780 New Century Hymnal (Black)

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

Source of all blessings, we thank you for Fathers and the gift of nurturing. We thank you for your individual calls to serve in special and ordinary ways. Bless these gifts that they may enable this congregation to strengthen family caring and love. May these gifts as well help the congregation in its ministry confirm and identify paths of service. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

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

***Closing Hymn:** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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Brief Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Alison Cerutti

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

Please join us for a time of fellowship in Howes Hall after the worship service hosted by Laura Ranker and Billie Porter.

Giving for June 13, 2010: 2010 Pledge Income: \$970; Plate Offering: \$53; Heifer Offering: \$4.77, Total Heifer \$350.60; 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	Secretary: Laura Ranker
Interim Pastor: The Rev. Roger Brown	Sexton: Danny Rowe
Greeters: Laura Ranker & Audrey Avery	Ushers: Judy & Frank Plumley
Choir Leadership Today:	The United Church Choir
Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti	Choir Director: Billie Porter
Deacon in Charge: Liz and Roy Butler	

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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH

June 20 - June 27, 2010

Mon.: 7:00 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.
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, @ the Porter's, 176 Central Street.
3:00 P.M. Mayo Ministry - worship service at Mayo Nursing Home.
Fri.: 1:00 P.M. Celebration of the Life of Nick Simon at UCN.
Sat.: Vermont Food Bank Work Day. 12 Volunteers Needed; 14 yrs and older; NO open toed shoes. Contact Chris Southworth @ 1-802-793-5433.
Sun.: Linda Radke, the talented alto soloist from *Arioso* will be offering the special music for our worship service.

11:00 A.M. PRESENTATION BY REV. DAVID WILLIAMS AND HIS WIFE PAT ON THEIR FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER THE UNITED CHURCH OF NORTHFIELD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FEASIBILITY STUDY. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE CHURCH AND ALL ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. A COPY OF THE WRITTEN REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE. A LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED.

SAVE THE DATES! June 29th and July 6th Summer Lunch Program deliveries. Volunteers needed. Contact Chris Southworth at 1-802-793-5433, cell phone.

What? You forgot your survey for the search committee? NO PROBLEM! The Search Committee will accept them through NEXT Sunday, the 27th of June. These surveys will help us in completing the church profile which is the first step in our search for a settled pastor. Therefore, we ask that you please complete them prayerfully.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL A SUCCESS; THE MANY WILLING HANDS, THE NUMEROUS AND GENEROUS DONATIONS, THE WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO CAME TO ENJOY THE WONDERFUL BERRIES!! WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS. Sincerely, Laura and Judy
Adult Study Series following Sunday worship 11:45 - 12:45; meeting in the Pastor's Study.