

The United Church of Northfield Welcomes You To Morning Worship



Elijah Ascends to Heaven, Elisha waves farewell

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

June 27, 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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Prelude & Candle Lighting:

Alison Cerutti

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song: *"I Want to get Ready"*

***Call To Worship:**

Leader: God whispers your name. Come and worship.

People: All of us. Young, old, sister, brother, cousin, friend.

Leader: Again and again: Come and worship.

People: All of us. The proud and the strong, the lost and the searching, the joyous and the sad.

Leader: From a whisper to a shout: Come and worship.

People: All of us. Word-arrangers and finger-painters, rope-jumpers and slow-walkers, belly-laughers and soul-singers.

Leader: Here in this place, the light is shining, joy is brimming and God is beckoning. Come and worship.

People: All of us. Here and now!

***Hymn of Praise:** "Our God Our Help in Ages Past" #1 Pilgrim Hymnal (Red)

Morning Prayer: (Unison)

God of prophets both ready and reluctant, may our hearts be renewed by your Spirit – a Spirit that opens our eyes to your vision for the world; a Spirit who invites us to pick up the call as prophets of your way. May we be receptive to your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Response: *"How Can I Keep from Singing"*

Linda Radtke

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

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Leader: When the flame goes out, and we imagine ourselves not good enough, when the way is too difficult, and we can find no one else to lead, when the gifts seem thin, and we feel we cannot find the way,

People: whisper your presence, O God.

Leader: When the questions are too deep and there is no way to seek an answer, when the mantle is unworn and we are the only ones to pick it up, when the world is tough, and your calling even tougher,

People: whisper your presence, O God.

Leader: May we find a new vision to dream, may we find a new language to speak, may we find a new daring within our souls,

People: whisper your presence, O God. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

The psalmist encourages us to call to mind the deeds of God and remember the wonders of former days. God works wonders through ordinary people and God leads us by the hand. (*Pause*) God's presence is among us as in days of old enabling us to speak daringly the truth and to be courageous in our action for justice. Let us be the prophets of God in our time.

The Congregation's Response: #793 New Century Hymnal (Black)

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

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

Music Offering: "O Rest in the Lord"

Linda Radtke

A Time With Children:

Billie Porter

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 77

Page 668 New Century Hymnal (Black)

Scripture for the day: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Luke 9:51-62

Sermon Title:

"Giving and Claiming the Mantle"

Rev. Roger Brown

***Responsive Hymn:** "God of the Prophets"

358 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:

Alison Cerutti and Linda Radtke

"Weepin' Mary" Negro Spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh

"Nobody Knows de Trouble I've Seen" spiritual, Burleigh arr

"By an' By", another spiritual arr by Burleigh

***Doxology:**

#780 New Century Hymnal (Black)

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

Liberating God, you set us free so we can bind ourselves to the way of love. Enable us to live in the Spirit. And may the spiritual fruits increase within and among us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

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

***Closing Hymn:** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#403 NCH (Black)

Brief Announcements

Commissioning:

God ordains every generation to be prophets.

May we take up our mantle of ministry

Christ sets us free to live our love in the world.

May we take up our mantle of ministry

Spirit makes a way of ministry before us.

May we take up our mantle of ministry

Go in the Spirit of God to be prophets of love by your words and actions

Benediction

Postlude

Alison Cerutti

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

A Special thank you to Linda Radtke, alto soloist from *Arioso*, for sharing her wonderful musical talents and gifts with us this morning.

Please join us immediately following the worship service for the presentation by Rev. David Williams and his wife Pat as they share their findings and recommendations from the UCN 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 is provided.

Giving for June 20, 2010: 2010 Pledge Income: \$1,450; Plate Offering: \$22.90; Heifer Offering: \$5.98, Total Heifer \$356.58; Goal: A Heifer for \$500; Other: Fuel Fund: \$10; Fundraising: \$1,381.50. **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

Greeters: Brenda Cruickshank and Harriet Hirst

Choir Leadership Today:

Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti

Deacon in Charge: Chris Southworth

Secretary: Laura Ranker

Sexton: Danny Rowe

Ushers: Max Greene and Dean Howe

Linda Radtke, Soloist

Choir Director: Billie Porter

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