

**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."***

July 4, 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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July 4, 2010 Proper 9C

Prelude & Candle Lighting

Larry Porter

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song: *"Alleluia!"*

***Call To Worship:**

Leader: We come into this sacred space in need of community, assurance, comfort, and wholeness. Our presence in this place testifies that

People: weeping may linger for a night but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: This is not a time to deny the challenges we face or to bury our burdens with easy religious talk. Rather, we recognize the healing, restoring presence of God revealed in surprising ways and we are moved to pray.

People: You have turned my sadness into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Leader: Let us celebrate our growing wholeness and worship the One in whom all things are possible.

***Hymn of Praise:** *"Bring Many Names"* #11 New Century Hymnal (Black)

Morning Prayer: (in unison)

God of surprises, you are all around us. Thank you for your grace – for the free gift of your never-ending love that heals us and gives us new life.

Help us to see your presence in the simple things of our world. Help us to receive your love, and to share that love with others. Amen.

Prayer Response: *"Give Me a Clean Heart"*

UCN Choir

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

Prayer of Confession: (Responsive)

Leader: O God, when we resist the endless insistence of a child... the contrary voice of a youth...the uninvited advice of an elder...

People: Open our hearts to the surprising prophets in our midst.

Leader: O God, when we diminish the contributions of people from a different culture...someone speaking a different language...those we condemn by their association with a certain religion, politic, income, and appearance...

People: Open our hearts to the surprising prophets in our midst.

Leader: O God, when we shut out opinions of dissent...voices that challenge...those who would lead us in a new way...

People: Open our hearts to the surprising prophets in our midst. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Jesus said those who receive the ones he sends receive the Christ. In our confession God hears us and forgives us and the Spirit opens our hearts to receive the reign of God in our midst

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: "Awesome God" ChoirChimes

A Time With Children: Billie Porter

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 30 Page 639 New Century Hymnal (Black)

Scripture for the day: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Sermon Title: "Stories of Journey and Discovery" Rev. Roger Brown

***Responsive Hymn:** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #347 NCH (Black)

A Service of Holy Communion: (see 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 and the Dolma offering. We also invite your written prayer requests.*

The Offertory: Larry Porter

***Doxology** page 780 New Century Hymnal (Black)

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

God of prophet and seeker, believer and servant, bless these gifts from your holy people. May these gifts become instruments of healing, enable encouragement on the journey and serve to inspire all who companion seekers in their spiritual quest. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ:**

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

***Closing Hymn:** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" #437 Pilgrim Hymnal (Red)

Brief Announcements:

Commissioning (Based on Lectionary Gospel Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20)

L: Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

P: We will go with the help of God.

L: Jesus said, "Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals."

P: We will go with the help of God.

L: Jesus said, "Cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

P: We will go with the help of God.

L: Go to harvest the fruit of compassion, healing, hospitality, and justice wherever you find it and the Spirit of God will go with you.

Benediction:

Postlude: Larry Porter

* Denotes standing if you are able.

Please join us for a time of fellowship in Howes Hall hosted by Barbara Barrows after the worship service.

Giving for June 27, 2010: 2010 Pledge Income: \$1,266; Plate Offering: \$139; Heifer Offering: \$1.00, Total Heifer \$357.58; Goal: A Heifer for \$500; Other: Fuel Fund: \$10; Fundraising: \$26; Steeple project donation: \$25.00; AA: \$450.
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
Ushers: Laura & Nathan Ranker Greeters: Frank & Judy Plumley
Choir Leadership Today: The United Church Choir
Pianist/Organist: Larry Porter Choir Director: Billie Porter
Deacon in Charge: Chris Southworth
Communion Stewards: Debra Maloney-Evans, Peter Evans, Billie Porter, and
Kayla Barrows

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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH ***July 5, 2010 - July 11, 2010***

- Mon.: 7:00 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.
- Tues.: Summer Lunch Program Deliveries. Contact Chris Southworth at 1-802-793-5433, cell phone
Search Committee will resume meetings upon further notice.
- 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.
4:30 P.M. VBS Planning Meeting @ United Methodist Parish.
- 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 P.M. Prayer Shawl Ministry at the home of Chris Southworth, 96 Washbowl Rd, 485-8738. *To all knitters and crochets we are going to send a care packet out to Dolma at the end of the year. We are looking for mittens and gloves and sweaters, hats, and anything else you want to send*
- Sunday: July 11th Fellowship hour to honor and thank Rev. Roger Brown for his interim pastoral service to the UCN during our time of transition.

SAVE THE DATE: July 30th Pulled Pork Dinner.
Contact Brenda Cruickshank at 485-5793 or Judy Howard at 485-3531.
