

The United Church of Northfield Welcomes You To Morning Worship



"The Good Samaritan"

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

July 11, 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 11, 2010 Proper 10C

Prelude & Candle Lighting

Alison Cerutti

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

***Call To Worship:**

Leader: We have travelled many roads to be here today.

People: **We come to meet on holy ground.**

Leader: We have brought with us the hopes and sadness of our living.

People: **We come to meet on holy ground.**

Leader: We seek a place of encouragement and reflection.

People: **We come to meet on holy ground.**

Leader: We come to worship, to wait, and to wonder.

People: **We come to meet on holy ground**

Leader: Let us praise the Lord in joyful song!

***Hymn of Praise:** "God Reigns O'er All the Earth"

#21 NCH (Black)

Morning Prayer: *(in unison)*

We thank you, O God, for your hand that cares for us, your word that fills us with hope, your heart that beats to the rhythm of our life, and your breath that fills us with love. Such compassion is ever present in our living and we celebrate your goodness with all your people. Open our eyes to the unexpected compassion alive in the world, and lead us to be your agents, your disciples, sculpting and shaping your realm. Amen.

Prayer Response: *Be Still and Know*

UCN Choir

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

Prayer of Confession: *(in unison)*

Holy God, in your presence you tolerate nothing sinful, yet through the blood of Jesus you make it possible to cleanse ourselves of sin and share the joy of your household. We come to you now in search of the mercy won for us on the cross. We have failed to love you with all our hearts, all our souls, all our minds, all our strength. It is clear, even to us, that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In the silent chambers of our hearts, we confess those sins that trouble us most [pause].

For Jesus' sake, grant us pardon, and release us from our bondage to sin. Grant us time for amendment of life; and the testimony of a conscience free from guilt. As we receive forgiveness from you, make us quick to reconcile with those who ask forgiveness from us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: See, the reality of our lives and of our world is laid out before God who is all compassion. Our brokenness, our failings, our hurts exist here, side-by-side but they are not too much for the love of God to bear. We are forgiven of the pain that destroys, welcomed by grace, and held in steadfast love. Let us extend this love to all. Amen.

The Congregation's Response: Page 793 NCH (Black)

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

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

Music Offering: *I to the Hills*

UCN Choir

A Time With Children

Rev. Roger Brown

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 25

Page 635 NCH (Black)

Scripture for the day: Exodus 3: 1-15

Sermon Title: "Expect the Unexpected"

Rev. Roger Brown

***Responsive Hymn:** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" #459 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 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)*

We thank you caring God for the many Good Samaritan servants who have acted generously and without hesitation when need arises. May these gifts enable the caring ministry of this congregation here and beyond. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

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

A Litany of Farewell Concluding an Interim Ministry: (see insert)

***Closing Hymn:** "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" #82 NCH (Black)

Brief Announcements

Commissioning:

Leader: We turn towards each other,

People: and see the face of God.

Leader: We share the burdens of each other,

People: and know the strength of God.

Leader: We share the love of each other,
People: **and celebrate the love of God.**

Benediction

Congregational Response: *God Be with You*

Postlude

Alison Cerutti

** Denotes standing if you are able.*

Please join us for a special reception and time of fellowship hosted by the Deacons as we gather in Howe's Hall after the worship service to thank Reverend Roger Brown for his service of ministry with us.

Giving for July 4, 2010: 2010 Pledge Income: \$360; Plate Offering: \$52; Heifer Offering: \$6, Total Heifer \$363.58; Goal: A Heifer for \$500; Dolma Offering: \$35; Other: Fuel Fund: \$10; **Thank you for your faithful giving!**

The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield

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Interim Pastor: The Rev. Roger Brown	Sexton: Danny Rowe
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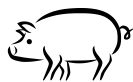
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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH ***July 12, 2010 - July 18, 2010***

Mon.: 7:00 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.
Tues. 4:30 P.M. VBS decorating day at Howe's Hall.
Wed.: 7:00 P.M. Women's 12 Step AA Meeting in Howe's Hall.
NO Choir Rehearsals until further notice
Thurs.: NO Early Bird Bible Study until further notice.



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SHREDDED COLESLAW, CUPCAKES; & MONETARY DONATIONS TO DEFRAY FOOD
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