

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."***

July 25, 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: *Congregations Choice*

***Call To Worship:**

Leader: God is eager to restore us to right relationships.
The Creator is waiting to claim us now as God's own.

People: ***We have come to meet the God who welcomes us.
We have gathered to experience God's steadfast love.***

Leader: Listen for God will speak to those who want to hear.
Turn your hearts toward the one who saves.

People: ***We bow down to receive God's mercy.
We open ourselves to the source of peace.***

Leader: God will answer us and will give what is good.
God restores us to faithfulness and righteousness.

People: ***We come asking, searching, and knocking.
We seek the good gifts only God can provide.***

***Hymn of Praise:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" # 4 New Century Hymnal

Morning Prayer: *(seated and in unison)*

You are never weary, O Lord, of doing us good. Let us never be weary of doing you service. But, as you have pleasure in the prosperity of your servants, so let us take pleasure in service to you, our Lord, and abound in your work, and in your love and praise ever more. O fill up all that is wanting, reform whatever is amiss in us, perfect the things that concern us. Let the witness of your pardoning love abide in all our hearts. (John Wesley 1703-91)

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

Prayer of Confession: *(in unison)*

We are a people judged. God knows our disloyalty. Our grave sins against others do not go unnoticed. Our haughty pretensions are noted. Surely God has every reason to be indignant with us, to pour out anger on us for the many ways we misuse the gifts we have been given. Yet God is eager to spare us from the horrible consequences of sin. Let us humbly seek forgiveness.

Assurance of Forgiveness: God forgives our trespasses and restores us to life. Our puffed-up pretenses are set aside so we can claim a far greater identity as children of the living God. Our sense of alienation is overcome as we are embraced by steadfast love. Friends, the doors of God are open wide to

receive us. We are heard and known. The peace of God is ours to accept and cherish. Thank God with whole hearts!

The Congregation's Response: Page 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.

A Time With Children

Sherry Baer

Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 85 Page 676 New Century Hymnal (black)

Gospel reading: Luke 11:1-13

Sermon Title: "Lord, Teach us to Pray" Sherry Baer (guest)

***Responsive Hymn:** "Spirit of the Living God" #283 New Century Hymnal

Silent Prayer: Please take a minute to be in silence and experience God's peace.

Pastoral Prayer: (including Prayers of the People)

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be they 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: The faithfulness of God elicits our answering faithfulness. The good gifts of our heavenly Parent call for an outpouring of gratitude. May our offerings give evidence of abounding faithfulness. (We also invite your written prayer requests.)

The Offertory

Alison Cerutti

***Doxology** Page 780 New Century Hymnal (black)

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

Holy God, whose name is before all names, we worship you with our offerings. They represent our labor, our investment of time and energy. We want them to be put to the best possible use. May they save many from the course of evil and turn them toward faithful discipleship. May they provide bread for body and soul, that your people may be preserved and strengthened for ministry. Bless and multiply our efforts, we pray. Amen.

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

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

***Closing Hymn:** "God Be with You" #81 New Century Hymnal (black)

Brief Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Alison Cerutti

** Denotes standing if you are able.*

We thank Sherry Baer, a student pastor from Chelsea, for leading us in morning worship today. Please welcome Sherry and join us for a time of fellowship hosted by Bev and Ed Tucker in Howe's Hall following the morning worship service.

Reverend Lee Moore will lead us in worship and communion next Sunday, August 1st.

Giving for July 18, 2010: 2010 Pledge Income: \$973.97; Plate Offering: \$27; Heifer Offering: \$8.00, Total Heifer \$378.83; Goal: A Heifer for \$500; Other: Fuel Fund: \$10; Pulled Pork Dinner Donations: \$90.

Thank you for your faithful giving!

The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield

Ministers to the World: The Congregation

Secretary: Laura Ranker

Student Pastor: Sherry Baer

Sexton: Danny Rowe

Ushers: Judy & Lauren Howard

Greeters: Bev & Lorinda Dezotell

Choir Leadership Today:

NO CHOIR TODAY

Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti

Choir Director: Billie Porter

Deacon in Charge: John & Bev Knox

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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH

July 26, 2010 - August 1, 2010

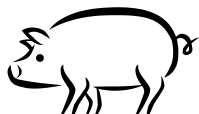
Mon.: 7:00 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.

Wed.: 7:00 P.M. Women's 12 Step AA Meeting in Howe's Hall.

NO Choir Rehearsals until further notice

Thurs.: NO Early Bird Bible Study until further notice.

Sunday: Communion Sunday, August 1st with Reverend Lee Moore



BARBEQUE PULLED PORK DINNER with all the FIXIN'S

JULY 30th, Friday, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Howe's Hall.

TAKE OUT IS AVAILBLE. Adults: \$10 and Children under 12: \$5.00

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