

# **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."***

**August 1, 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.*

# **THE UNITED CHURCH OF NORTHFIELD**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 1, 2010

**Prelude & Candle Lighting**

Alison Cerutti

**Words of Welcome**

**Gathering Song:** "Jesus Loves Me"

#327 New Century Hymnal (black)

**\*Call To Worship:**

**Leader:** Listen all who are calling to the Holy One; God is calling us; God is calling us together to be a faithful people.

**People:** **O give thanks to God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**Leader:** God is eager to put loving arms around us. God is waiting to satisfy our hunger and thirst.

**People:** **God fills the hungry with good things. Our thirsting souls are filled to overflowing.**

**Leader:** Set your minds on things that are from above. Put to death your earthly disobedience.

**People:** **God leads us to a new identity, to new life. We seek renewal in the image of Christ Jesus.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #7 New Century Hymnal

**Opening Prayer:** *(seated and in unison)*

**Loving God, in whose arms we have found our identity, come among us to direct our faltering steps in the ways you would have us go. Teach us to walk with Christ through the distractions that beckon us in other directions. Turn our vain striving into meaningful service, our foolish greed to the fulfillment of sharing, our confusion to clarity of vision, that we might worship you truly this hour. In His name we pray. Amen.**

**Call to Confession:**

What does God see within us and among us that we do not see? Do you suppose that God is disappointed? Frustrated? Angry? What defenses have we created to keep God out of our lives? How have we turned away from the life God intended for us? This is the moment to come out of hiding, for God already knows where we are. Now is the moment to confess and be renewed by God's Grace. Let us pray.

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

**Holy God, our lives are far from holy. The thoughts we have held in secret have erupted into hurtful words and deeds. We have not avoided lies and slander. We have given in to pessimism and suspicion. We resent people whose lives seem easier than our own. We hate the thought of passing on to those less worthy the things we have worked so hard to possess. Oh God, we need your wisdom in order to live peacefully within ourselves. Oh God we need your forgiveness and grace. Amen.**

## **Assurance of God's Grace:**

God has invited all of us to strip off our old selves and accept renewal in the image of our Creator. Right here, right now, in the warmth of God's love, our greed is melting away, our anger is finding constructive release, our despair is giving way to hope. God delivers us from the folly of self-preoccupation and sends us into joyous involvement in our Creator's wonderful works of creation. God forgives, God loves, God is good.

Leader: God is Good

**People: All the time**

Leader: All the time

**People: God is Good.**

**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**

Rev. Lee Moore

*Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.*

## **Scripture: Luke 12:13-21**

**Sermon: "Using our Inheritance Wisely"**

Rev. Lee Moore

## **THE TABLE OF THE LORD**

**Hymn of preparation:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" # 330 NCH (black)

## **The Words of Institution**

### **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*You are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion with bread and a chalice of juice. There are two pairs of servers. One pair has the gluten free bread/rice cakes. After partaking, return to your seat by using the side aisle. (If you prefer, a communion steward we will serve you at your seat.)*

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

**Sustaining God, accept our gratitude for the gifts which we have received in the company of your Holy Spirit and in the fellowship of this gathering of the people of God. As we prepare to go forth from this place, grant that our love might become bread for another's journey and that our lives might more boldly embody the overflowing chalice of your grace, poured out for us and for the world, in Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**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(s) 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 and Dollars for Dolma.*

**The Offertory:**

Alison Cerutti

**\*Doxology**

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

By faith we bring our offerings and our prayers, as a sign of our commitment, a desire to participate, and a trust in your promises. Bless these gifts and prayers and bless us, as we dedicate all that we have and all that we are for your work in our world. Amen

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

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky" #563 NCH (black)

**Brief Announcements**

**Benediction**

Leader: God has made us rich in so many ways. Now let us go out to find new ways to be rich toward God.

People: **We will search out God's healing and renewing strength. We will set our minds on learning God's will for us. Then we will share that strength and will with each other and with our world. Let us go in peace. Amen.**

**Postlude**

Alison Cerutti

*\* Denotes standing if you are able.*

*We thank Reverend Lee Moore for leading us in morning worship today. Please welcome Lee and join us for a time of fellowship and share in meal of delicious barbeque beef and pulled pork sandwiches in Howe's Hall following the morning worship service.*

**Giving for July 25, 2010:** 2010 Pledge Income: \$1,465.41; Plate Offering: \$72; Heifer Offering: \$5.51, Total Heifer \$384.34; Goal: A Heifer for \$500; Other: Fuel Fund: \$20; VBS: \$322.96; GE: \$16.40. **Thank you for your faithful giving!**

**The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield**

Ministers to the World: The Congregation	Secretary: Laura Ranker
Visiting Pastor: Rev. Lee Moore	Sexton: Danny Rowe
Greeters: Bev Knox & Karen Taylor	Ushers: Kate & Kevin Beal
Communion Stewards: Liz and Roy Butler, and Chelsea Knapp	
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**  
**August 2, 2010 - August 8, 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, August 8th: Reverend Sally May will lead us in morning worship.

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TODAY COME OUT AND HELP CELEBRATE MINNIE'S 90th BIRTHDAY

<p><i>90th Birthday</i> <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> <i>for</i> <b>Minnie Robinson</b> Sunday, August 1, 2-4 p.m. at Royalton Congregational Church Route 14, Royalton, VT</p>	
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**SAVE THE DATE:**

**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING:** August 26th at 7p.m. hosted by Billie Porter, 176 Central Street.

To all knitters and crochets we are going to send a care package out to Dolma and her village family and are collecting items now. We are looking for mittens and gloves and sweaters, hats, and anything else you want to send. There is a mission basket in the front of the sanctuary to place your items in. Items will be collected through September 30th. Thank you for sharing your time and talents in this way.