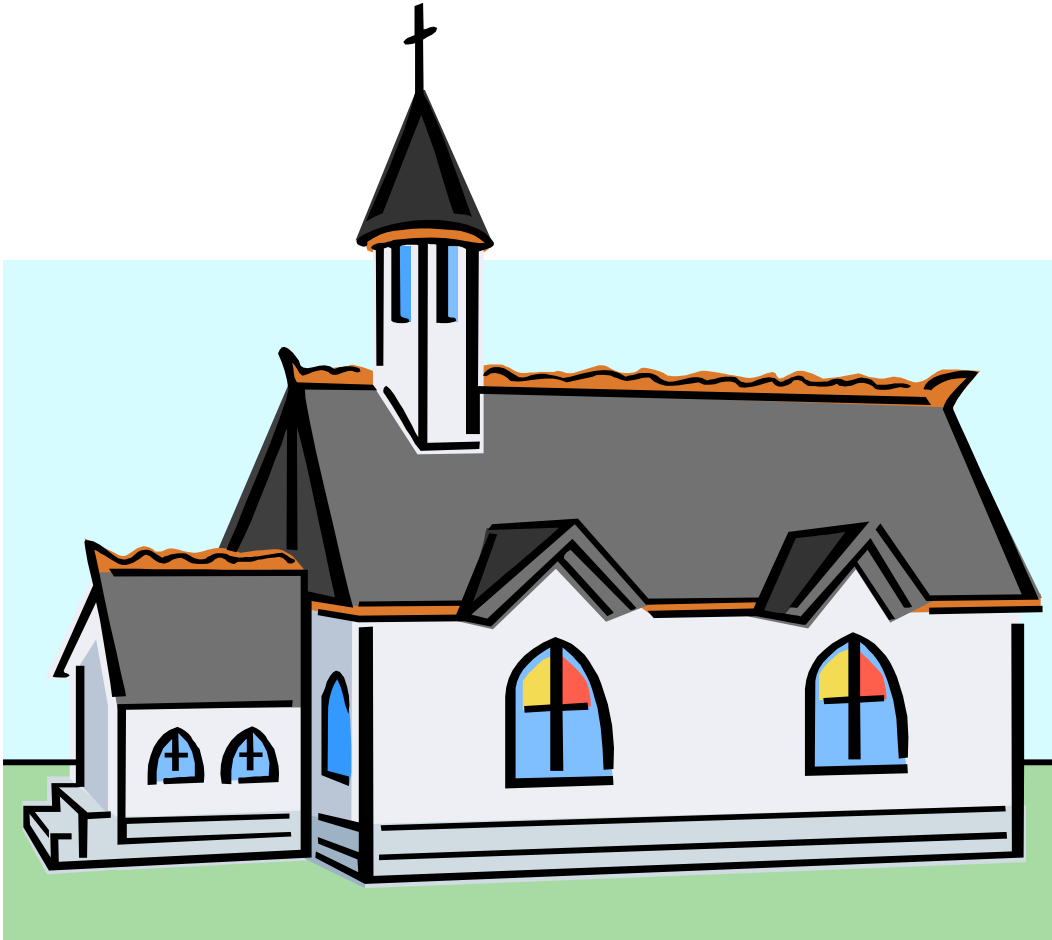


The United Church of Northfield Welcomes You To Morning Worship



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

August 15, 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

August 15, 2010

Prelude & Candle Lighting

Alison Cerutti

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song: Over My Head

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***Call To Worship:**

Leader: 1As we enter into worship, put away the pressures of the world that ask you to perform, to take up masks, to put on brave fronts. Silence the voices that ask you to be perfect.

People: 1**This is a community of compassion and welcoming. You do not have to do anything to earn the love contained within these walls. You do not have to be braver, smarter, stronger, better than you are in this moment to belong here, with us.**

Leader: 1You only have to bring the gift of your body, no matter how able; your mind, no matter how busy; your heart, no matter how broken.

People: 1**Bring all that you are, and all that you love, to this hour.**

Unison: **Let us worship together.**

***Opening Hymn:** "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

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Morning Prayer: (Unison)

Divine Love, be with us in this place of high purpose. Be with us as we deepen our knowledge of ourselves, widen the horizons of our minds, touch one another with care and with love, and place ourselves before the great Mystery of earth and heaven. Be with us, dear God, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Response:

Call to Confession:

We are a proud people, and proud of it! To family and friends, we often find it hard to say, "I'm sorry," but there comes a time in every important relationship for swallowing our pride, recognizing our flawed human-ness, and saying out loud, "I let you down, will you forgive me?" Let us pray to God with a humble spirit.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Loving God, we ask forgiveness for the many times we have let you down because of what we have failed to do. We have not opened our hearts to peace and healing between all people. We have not protected and provided for all children of the earth. We have not respected the earth and have exploited its gifts. We have walked away from opportunities to end exclusion, violence and fear. We have taken for granted the gifts you give us every day. Help us be more mindful, more committed, more respectful, more compassionate, and more peaceful. Forgive us, and open our hearts to your ways, O God.

Words of Assurance:

God's love is broader and God's mercy wider than our human minds can imagine. In this love and mercy our failings are kindly judged. Let us be thankful for the forgiving heart of the Eternal One. Amen.

The Congregation's Response:

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

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

Music Offering:**A Time With Children**

Bonnie Gayle

*Discovery Hour and nursery care are provided for children of all ages.***Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 84

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Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21 & Matthew 6:25-33**Sermon:** Enhancing happiness

Theresa Lever

Responsive Hymn:** To be announced**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 and to support the special mission offering of Strengthen the Church. We also invite your written prayer requests.***The Offertory**

Alison Cerutti

***Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication: (Unison)**

God, we give you thanks for the prosperity we enjoy and for the privilege of sharing what we have with others. We commit this offering to you; may it be used to further your reign of love, compassion and justice. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

***Closing Hymn:** "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Brief Announcements**Benediction****Postlude**

Alison Cerutti

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

We thank Theresa Lever for leading us in morning worship today. Please welcome Theresa and join us for a time of fellowship in Howe's Hall following the morning worship service.

Giving for August 8, 2010: 2010 Pledged income: \$572; Plate Offering: \$62; Heifer Offering: \$5; Total Heifer \$390.84. Goal: A Heifer for \$500; Other: Fuel Fund: \$10. **Thank you for your faithful giving!**

The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield

Ministers to the World: The Congregation	Secretary: Laura Ranker
Pastoral Leadership: Theresa Lever	Sexton: Danny Rowe
Ushers: Max Greene & Dean Howe	Greeters: Barbara & Kayla Barrows
Choir Leadership Today:	The United Church Choir
Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti	Music Director: Larry Porter
Deacon in Charge: Liz and Roy Butler	

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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH

August 16, 2010 - August 22, 2010

Mon.: 7:00 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.
Tues.: 7:00 P.M. CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING; 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.
Sun.: Rev. Pam Lucas from the Vermont Conference UCC will conduct morning worship

LOOKING AHEAD

August 26th, Thursday, at 7 P.M. Prayer Shawl meeting at the home of Billie Porter, 176 Central Street.

September 4th ANNUAL CHICKEN N'BISCUIT DINNER

September 19th **WELCOME SUNDAY** (more to follow)

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.