

# **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 22, 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:** "Allelu-Allelu"

**\*Call To Worship:**

Assemble before God, our rock and refuge.

Come together to listen for the voice of our Creator.

**The Word of God shakes the foundation of the earth.**

**We expect to be changed by God's message to us.**

In steadfast love, God delivers us from our enemies.

**We remember the rich heritage we have received.**

**We give thanks for God's grace and mercy.**

This is God's holy day.

How will we honor God in word and deed?

**We will delight in the Word and works of our God.**

**We will join together in praise and good works.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Come, We Who Love God's Name"

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

**We are known by you, gracious God, better than we know ourselves.**

**You have given us life and you have renewed our spirits.**

**You have carried us to the heights and you have dwelled with us in life's depths.**

**You are our hope and our trust. Touch us here – in this time and place –**

**that we will have the courage to go where you send us and speak the word you put in our mouths. Amen**

**Prayer Response:** "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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**Call to Confession**

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

**Almighty God, we confess that we have shaped our own standards and values rather than seeking to know Your will. We turn from faith in You and rebel against the agenda of Your Realm. Our hearts focus on the things we can accumulate more than on Your mission in which we can share. Lead us, O God, into acts of compassion, that our attitudes may be reshaped and a right relationship with You restored...**

**Words of Assurance**

**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:** "Make My Life An Alleluia"

UCN CHOIR

**A Time With Children**

Rev. Pam Lucas

Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.

**Scripture for the day:**

Luke 13:10-17

**Sermon:** *The Bent Over Woman Speaks*

Rev. Pam Lucas

**\*Hymn Of Response:** "How Can I Say Thanks" #14 New Century Hymnal

**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 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:** *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**

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**\*Doxology**

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

**We worship you with our offerings, O God,  
even as we seek through them to bring good news, comfort and  
healing to the afflicted, brokenhearted and oppressed.  
May all the ministries and outreach of this church honor you  
and use well the resources you entrust to us. In Jesus' Name we  
pray. Amen.**

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

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Open My Eyes that I may See"

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**Brief Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Alison Cerutti

*\* Denotes standing if you are able. NCH is the New Century Hymnal with a black cover. PH is the Pilgrim Hymnal with a red cover.*

*We thank Pam Lucas, Associate Conference Minister from the Vermont Conference - United Church of Christ, for leading us in morning worship today. Please welcome Pam and join us for a time of fellowship hosted by Bev Tucker in Howe's Hall following the morning worship service. Pam will be meeting with the Search Committee this morning after a time of fellowship.*

**Giving for August 15, 2010:** 2010 Pledge Income: \$1,030; Plate Offering: \$91; Heifer Offering: \$1, Total Heifer \$391.84; 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
Guest Pastor: Rev. Pam Lucas	Sexton: Danny Rowe
Greeters: Harriet Hirst & Laura Ranker	Ushers: Ed & Bev Tucker
Choir Leadership Today:	
Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti	Choir Director: Billie Porter
Deacon in Charge: Billie Porter	

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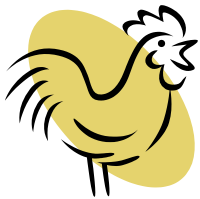


**THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH**

***August 23, 2010 - August 29, 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.  
7:00 P.M. Prayer Shawl meeting at the home of Billie Porter, 176 Central Street.  
Sun.: Mission Sunday

**LOOKING AHEAD**



**September 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHICKEN N' BISCUIT DINNER**

Please give your time and talents as you can. Many hands are needed for this event. Judy Howard and Brenda Cruickshank will again lead and coordinate this dinner. Volunteers and donations needed - workers to prep, serve, and clean up; donations of pies & monetary donations to defray food costs. Contact Brenda Cruickshank at 485-5793 or Judy Howard at 485-3531.

**September 19<sup>th</sup> 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.