

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 29, 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 29, 2010 YEAR C

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude & Candle Lighting

Alison Cerutti

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song: *Jesu, Tawa Pano*

Jesu, Tawa Pano (3x), tawa pano, mu zita renyu.

***Call To Worship:**

Leader: God invites us to a banquet where we are fed with the finest food and nurtured with the utmost care.

People: **This banquet table is spread on earth as in heaven, with Jesus as both host and guest.**

Leader: But, it is a table with a difference, a table where the exalted are humbled, and the humble are exalted . . .

People: **a table where there is forgiveness and blessing, teaching and transformation.**

ALL: **Let us sit humbly as the Lord desires, attentive to His word, willing to be changed, and eager to do His will.**

***Hymn of Praise:** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #86 New Century Hymnal

Morning Prayer: (Unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Prayer Response: *Change Our Hearts, O God*

UCN Choir

Call to Confession:

We are invited to examine ourselves, to see whether we are holding to our faith. Is Christ alive in us? Are we living the truth? Let us give public testimony to the state of our faith, as we confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

We confess to you, Lord God, the many times that we turn away from you and trust only in ourselves. In spite of your desire for humility, we puff ourselves up with egocentric pride, failing to give credit to you for who we are. We are arrogant people who believe ourselves always to be right,

even at the expense of others. We do whatever it takes to enrich ourselves, not counting the cost. We forsake you and follow the gods of whatever is most convenient. We do not deserve your forgiveness, yet we know we must ask for it. Show us a new, more realistic view of our relationship with you, that we may be more the people you would have us become; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Jesus sets us straight about who is in and who is out of God's realm, who is exalted and who must be humbled! We who have confessed our sin are graced with undeserved forgiveness through him. By sacrifice upon the cross, Jesus assured us we are set free from the effects of marrying ourselves to worldly values, set free to live anew by his standard of ethics. Praise be to Christ Jesus! Amen.

The Congregation's Response: Page 769 New Century Hymnal
Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Music Offering: *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* UCN Choir

A Time With Children Chuck Barnum
Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.

Scripture for the day: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Sermon Title: "Look Who's Been Invited" Chuck Barnum

***Responsive Hymn:** "In Christ There Is No East or West" #414 Pilgrim 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 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. We also invite your written prayer requests.*

The Offertory Alison Cerutti

***Doxology** page 780 New Century Hymnal

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

For all that you give us to sustain life; for all that we offer back to you; and for hearts that yearn to follow you in giving, we offer you our grateful thanks. May we, through the use of all your gifts given to us without price, draw ever closer to you in acts of love, open-handedness, and mercy;

**through your most awesome gift of all, your Son Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

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

***Closing Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #43 New Century Hymnal

Mission Moment: Bonnie Gayle

Brief Announcements

Benediction Chuck Barnum

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 Mr. Chuck Barnum for leading us in morning worship today. Please welcome Chuck and join us for a time of fellowship in Howe's Hall following the morning worship service.

Giving for Aug 22, 2010: 2010 Pledge Income: \$1,297; Plate Offering: \$44; Heifer Offering: \$5.51, Total Heifer \$397.35; Goal: A Heifer for \$500; Other: Fuel Fund: \$10; Pulled Pork Dinner: \$20; Universalist Endowment: \$2,306.37; Pension Board Rebate: \$1,677.52. **Thank you for your faithful giving!**

The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield

Ministers to the World: The Congregation

Secretary: Laura Ranker

Pastoral Lay Leadership: Chuck Barnum

Sexton: Danny Rowe

Ushers: Frank Plumley & Judy Knapp

Greeters: Marilyn Bruce &
Brenda Cruickshank

Choir Leadership Today:

Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti

Choir Director: Billie Porter

Deacon in Charge: The Butler's

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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH
Aug 30, 2010 – Sept 5, 2010

- Mon.: 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. Search Committee meeting in church office.
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.
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal @ the Porter's 176 Central St. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this ministry at some time. No long-term commitment is required. ***All are welcome to join us as we lift up our voices in praise to our God.***
- Sat.: Annual Chicken Pie Supper at the United Church. Serving from 5 - 7. Adults \$10.00 Children 12 years and under \$5.00. Take Out Available.
- Sun.: Sept. 5th
9:30 A.M. Blessing of the Motorcycles at the United Church Parking Lot by Pastor Paul Hoffman.
9:45 A.M. Worship and Communion with the United Methodist Church at the United Methodist Church (UMC).
11:30 A.M. Display of Motorcycles as part of the Northfield Labor Day Observances and a joint fundraising Pie and Coffee Sale at the United Church parking lot in cooperation with the UMC. Slices of pie will be sold with a beverage for \$3.00. If you would like to participate in this fundraiser, contact Billie Porter at 485-4126.

** Those attending morning worship at the United Methodist Church can use the United Church parking lot and walk over for the service. The motorcycles will be leaving the parking lot after the blessing and not returning until 11:30.*

***Pies for the fundraiser should be so marked if they are being dropped off at the church before Sunday. See Billie to coordinate the storage of your pie for the fundraiser, especially if it requires refrigeration (the refrigerators at the church will be in use for the Chicken Pie Supper and alternative arrangements will need to be made.)*

LOOKING AHEAD:

Deacon's Meeting - Sept. 8th at 4:45 p.m. at the Knoxes.