

# 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."***

**February 19, 2012 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 the Northern New England District of the UUA.

Historically we are united from Congregational and Universalist roots.

*On the First Sunday of each month we have Communion Sunday and our Dolma Sunday Offering (sponsored child of the Tibetan Children's Village, Dharamsala, India). We offer a Gluten Free Communion option. We are handicap accessible.*

The United Church of Northfield  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**Prelude & Candle Lighting**

Dan Cerutti

**Choral Introit:** *I Woke Up This Morning* NCH 85

UCN Choir

**Words of Welcome**

**\*Call To Worship:** (by Rev. Madison Shockley at UCC Worship Ways):

One: Gathering in this sacred place we anticipate new wonders each week.

**All: Wherever two or three are gathered to worship, a holy spirit is present.**

One: Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy waiting to be revealed, even this day, even in this place.

**All: We will want to linger and camp in this sanctuary but when we leave today may our hearts be open to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.**

**Hymn of Praise:** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

PH 251

**Morning Prayer:** (by Rev. Madison Shockley at UCC Worship Ways):

**O Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love. Our hearts desire is to bask in the amazing glory of the divine presence. With each encounter we are changed and transformed.**

**Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit.**

**Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory.**

**May we walk among our brothers and sister as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. Our world is hurting and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely.**

**Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying,**

**... "listen to my Child, the Beloved!" Amen.**

**Prayer Response**

UCN Choir

**Call to Confession:**

The core of Jesus' message and life is love. This love is so strong it forgives our sins and even overcomes death. May the love of God hold us all as we join together in confessing our sins.

**Prayer of Confession:** (by Rev. Madison Shockley at UCC Worship Ways):

**Forgive us, God, when we linger too long by the waters, and on the mountain tops, enthralled with the glory that flows from you. When we fail to listen to your voice, leading and guiding us, shake us from our contentment and send us forward endowed with your power. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Words of Assurance:** (by Rev. Madison Shockley at UCC Worship Ways):

**The God of Elijah, the God of Moses and the God of Jesus desires mercy more than sacrifice and a contrite heart rather than burnt offerings.**

**Love God and do the right thing and forgiveness shall be your friend and mercy your true companion. 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.

**Choral Anthem:** *God so loved the World*

UCN Choir

**A Time with Children:**

Rev. Jennifer Kimball

**Sermon Hymn:** *Be Thou My Vision*

PH 391

**Scripture Reading**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6 (NCH p. 656)

2 Kings 2:1-12

Mark 9:2-9

**Sermon: "Transformed by Glory"**

Rev. Jennifer Kimball

**Prayers of the People: Joys and Concerns:** *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.*

**Silent Prayer**

**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**

**Congregational Response: "Bless the Lord"**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

**The Offering:** (by Rev. Madison Shockley at UCC Worship Ways):

Peter offered to build a tabernacle on the mountain with Jesus.

But God does not dwell in houses made with human hands.

Let us offer ourselves in service to those God loves.

Let us offer our sacrifices to build community,

bring peace, and be a double blessing

to those in need throughout the world. Amen

**The Offertory:**

Dan Cerutti

**Doxology:**

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**Prayer of Dedication:** (by Rev. Madison Shockley at UCC Worship Ways):

**With these gifts we proclaim not ourselves but Jesus and commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life. May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other and the God who loves us all. Amen**

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

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

**Closing Hymn:** *How Firm a Foundation*

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**Brief Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction: *Do Lord, Remember Me***  
**Postlude**

UCN Choir  
Dan 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 Dan Cerutti for sharing his choral leadership and musical talent with us this morning.*

**Giving for February 12, 2012:** Pledge Income 2012: \$560; Plate Offering: \$13.06; Heifer Offering: \$3.22, Total Heifer \$157.64, Goal: Tree Seedlings \$180; Thank you for your faithful giving.

***During the Month of February, the UCN will be collecting peanut butter and cereal items for the local food shelf.***

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

Ministers to the World: The Congregation

Secretary: Laura Ranker

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Jennifer Kimball

Sexton: Arnold Nichols

Greeters: Evelyn Bird & Judy Knapp

Ushers: Roy and Liz Butler

Choir Leadership Today: Dan Cerutti

Pianist/Organist Today: Dan Cerutti

Infant/Childcare: TBD

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WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Other Hours Available by Appointment.

FRIDAY - PASTOR'S DAY OFF

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**Ash Wednesday**

A Service of Ashes held on **February 22 at 7:00 p.m.** will begin our observance of the Lenten Season. A simple supper of soup and bread will be provided at 6:00 p.m. free of charge.

**THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH**  
**February 20, 2012 to February 26, 2012**

- Mon.: NO Early Morning Bible Study. The Monday morning Bible Study will convene February 27<sup>th</sup>.  
7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.
- Wed.: 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. CV Building Bright Futures (play group) ages birth to 6 years old gather in Howe's Hall.  
6:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Supper  
7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service
- Thurs.: 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. BSA Troop 759. Court Of Honor.

**Lenten Study: "Intentional Lent"**

The Season of Lent is a special time of year set apart to help Christians prepare themselves for Easter. The more intentional we are in our preparations for Easter, the deeper our experience of new life will be on Easter day and beyond. For this reason, Pastor Jennifer has created a Lenten study entitled "Intentional Lent."

"Intentional Lent" will consist of two sessions.

**Session One will meet on Sunday, February 26 at 11:30.** Our time together will include a simple, free lunch, a presentation by Pastor Jennifer on the history and meaning of Lent and a discussion of Lenten Disciplines, and will conclude with prayer. Each participant will be encouraged to commit to a Lenten practice.

**Session Two will meet on Sunday, March 25 at 11:30.** This session will include a simple, free lunch and a time to share and reflect on our experiences with our Lenten practices. Pastor Jennifer will also make a presentation on Holy Week and will discuss the history and meaning behind the events of this week including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Please let Pastor Jennifer know if you will be participating in this event by emailing her at [matisonjm@yahoo.com](mailto:matisonjm@yahoo.com) or calling 778-0813 by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**The Gospel of Mark told by memory by Reverend Bert Marshall**

This event is described as "The whole Gospel, beginning to end, as it might have been told in the early years of the Jesus Movement. Hear it come to life in a live storytelling performance."

Gather in the church sanctuary on **March 11 at 2:00 P.M.** A light lunch will be served before the storytelling. Rev. Marshall is New England Regional Director for Church World Service and a graduate of Yale Divinity School. For more information go to [www.gospelofmarkalive.com](http://www.gospelofmarkalive.com)



Easter Lily Orders are now being taken. Deadline for ordering is March 17<sup>th</sup>. See order form in back of sanctuary. For more information contact Beverly Knox at 485-4101.