

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."***

January 22, 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
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude & Candle Lighting:

Alison Cerutti
UCN Choir

Choral Introit: "Psalite Deo" (also Taize)

Words of Welcome

***Call To Worship:** (from Psalm 62)

Leader: Let us wait for God in silence.

People: Let us wait for God in song.

Leader: For God alone is our hope.

People: God alone is our rock and our salvation.

Leader: God is our refuge.

People: God is our home.

Hymn of Praise: "Morning Has Broken"

PH 38

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

From deep within us we know of a loving presence.

All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light.

We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, "God!"

**In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper,
may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense.**

**May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God,
who loves us at all times and in all places.**

**God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer
be more and more in us**

that we might live more and more in you. Amen.

Prayer Response: "Hear our Prayer" NCH #769

UCN Choir

Call to Confession:

New life in Jesus requires that we let go. Confessing our sins to God and believing in the good news of forgiveness frees us from the past so we may fully live in the present. Let us turn to God and offer our prayers of confession.

Prayer of Confession: (by Andrea La SondeAnastos in *The Clergy Journal*, 2008):

Inviting God, you have sent prophets to tell us that the time is now. We confess that we live as if we have eternity. You have sent prophets to call us to follow now. We confess that we have expected them to return at our convenience. You have sent prophets to proclaim good news. We confess that we prefer our own tired stories. Invite us to repent again, Inviting God, and grant us the hearts to change this time. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Jesus invites us to repent and believe in the good news. Through our prayers of confession, we have repented. We have turned to God. Believe in the good news. God does not turn us away. With great love and mercy God forgives us and welcomes us home. Let the people say **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: "Sound the Trumpet" by Handel/Williams

UCN Choir

A Time with Children

Sermon Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

PH 322

Scripture Reading

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 62:5-12 (NCH pp. 659-660)

Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

New Testament: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: "Left Behind"

Reverend 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: We take a minute to be in silence to await God's peace.

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):

Gestures of gratitude are a demonstration that a blessing or benefit has been received. We heard a call, dropped our nets and came to this place to find new life. The gifts we give today are but tokens of the blessings of the new life we live in Christ. Bring your gifts with joy for they remind us of just how blessed we are to know this love that flows so generously from the spirit of God.

The Offertory:

Alison Cerutti

Doxology:

780 NCH

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

May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and those not, those deserving and those not, for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ:** "May the peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

Closing Hymn: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" NCH 173

Brief Announcements

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "Do Lord Remember Me"

UCN Choir

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.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF NORTHFIELD - Immediately following the morning worship service. Copies of 2011 Annual Report and Annual Meeting Agenda available. Coffee Hour will follow meeting.

Giving for January 15, 2012: Pledge Income 2012: \$692; Plate Offering: \$58; Heifer Offering: \$2.55, Total Heifer \$134.90, Goal: Tree Seedlings \$180; Other: SOS: \$100; Dolma Offering: \$36.42. Thank you for your faithful giving.

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

The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield

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| Ministers to the World: The Congregation | Secretary: Laura Ranker |
| Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Jennifer Kimball | Sexton: Arnold Nichols |
| Greeters: Burley and Linda Harvey | Ushers: Katie and Kevin Beal |
| Choir Leadership Today: Alison Cerutti | Pianist/Organist Today: Alison Cerutti |
| Deacon in charge: Bev Knox | Infant/Childcare: TBD |

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OFFICE HOURS: (Pastor's study is located in Howe's Hall)

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

Other Hours Available by Appointment.

FRIDAY - PASTOR'S DAY OFF

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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH

January 22, 2012 to January 29, 2012

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| Mon.: | 9:00 -11:00 Early Morning Bible Study at the home of Bev Knox. We will be studying Mark 1:21-28, Deuteronomy 18:15-20, and Psalm 111. 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. 7:00 P.M. Women's 12 Step AA Meeting in Howe's Hall. 7:00 P.M. Choir rehearsal in the church Sanctuary; all are welcome. |
| Thurs.: | 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. BSA Troop 759. |

SAVE THE DATE:

Bert Marshall will be here to speak on the Gospel of Mark during Lent on March 11, 2012 at 2:00 pm following a simple lunch.