

The United Church of Northfield Welcomes You To Morning Worship and a Service of Holy Communion



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

November 6, 2011 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
All Saints Sunday
A Service with a Communion Celebration

Prelude & Candle Lighting:

Alison Cerutti

Introit: "Morning has Broken"

UCN Choir

Words of Welcome

***Call To Worship:**

Leader: Thanks be to God for all the saints, both living and dead.

People: **Through the unbreakable power of God's love we all gather around one table.**

Leader: Through the life-giving power of Jesus we are all fed with bread from heaven.

People: **In one Spirit we belong to Christ who is Lord of both the dead and of the living.**

***Hymn of Praise:** "For All the Saints"

PH306

Prayer of Invocation: (seated, in unison): (From *The New Handbook of the Christian Year*)
God of all holiness, you gave your saints different gifts on earth but one holy city in heaven. Give us grace to follow their good example that we may know the joy you have prepared for all who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer Response: "Hear Our Prayer" (remain seated)

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Call to Confession:

The saints are not a small group of special Christians. A saint is a person who seeks to know Jesus and walk in his ways. This means each of us is a saint. Although, the truth is we all do things that are far from saintly. The greater truth is we are forgiven. With faith in God's grace, let the saints of God confess their sins.

Prayer of Confession: (seated, in unison):

Forgive us Jesus for all the times we act as if we have never heard your words or of your life, death, and resurrection. When you challenge our ways of living, we have a tendency to shut the door in your face. We exclude you from much of our lives and then wonder where you are. May our relationship with you be the foundation for all we are and all we do. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Saints of God, be assured you are forgiven. In this life and beyond Jesus loves you with a love that cannot be broken. 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.

Anthem: "Come All Who Thirst"

UCN Choir

A Time With Children

Reverend Jennifer Kimball

(Infant and toddler care provided. Discovery Hour in Howe's Hall)

Sermon Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

PH 342

Scripture Reading: Responsive Psalm: Psalm 78:1-7 NCH p. 669

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: "Who Shut the Door?"

Reverend Jennifer Kimball

Communion Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

PH 288

Sacrament of Holy Communion: (from *The New Handbook of the Christian Year*): (We offer a gluten-free option)

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, God of creation and all beginnings, God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of apostles and martyrs, God of our mothers and fathers, God of our children to all generations.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you...

All: By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

The Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Leader: You have given yourself to us, O God.

People: Now we give ourselves to others.

Leader: Your love has made us a new people.

People: Your glory has filled our hearts.

All: Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

The Offering: (Dolma Offering Sunday): Throughout the centuries, the saints of God have been a generous people, sharing of what they have been given to further Christ’s mission in the world. Let us join in their generosity through our giving to this morning’s offering.

The Offertory:

Alison Cerutti

Doxology:

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Prayer of Dedication: (in unison): (New Century Hymnal) **O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received: accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

Response: “And also with you.”

Closing Hymn: “Some Glad Morning”

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Brief Announcements

Benediction:

Reverend Jennifer Kimball

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.*

Giving for October 30, 2011: Pledge Income: \$1,167; Plate Offering: \$32; Heifer Offering: \$5.85, Total Heifer \$69.45, Goal: 3 Tree Seedlings at \$60/seedling =\$180 total; Other: SOS Fund: \$70. Thank you for your faithful giving.

The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield

Ministers to the World: The Congregation

Secretary: Laura Ranker

Reverend: Reverend Jennifer Kimball

Sexton: Arnold Nichols

Greeters: Lorinda and Bev Dezotell

Ushers: Judy and Lauren Howard

Choir Leadership: Alison Cerutti

Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti

Deacon in Charge: Bonnie Gayle

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Communion Stewards: Roy and Liz Butler, Audrey Avery and Laura Ranker

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OFFICE HOURS: *Pastor's study in Howe's Hall*

TUESDAY 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

ALSO BY APPOINTMENT.

FRIDAY - PASTOR'S DAY OFF

BIBLE STUDY -MONDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

WITH LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH

November 7, 2011 to November 13, 2010

- Mon.: 9 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Early Bird Bible Study facilitated by Rev. Jennifer Kimball at the home of Bev Knox, Washington Street. We will be studying Matthew 25:14-30, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, and Psalm 123.
5:30 P.M. Daisy Girl Scouts in Howe's Hall
7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.
- Wed.: 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Women's 12 Step AA Meeting in Howe's Hall.
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal in the church Sanctuary.
- Thurs.: 3:00 P.M. Mayo Nursing Home Service, please contact Pastor Jennifer if you interested in helping out with the service
7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Troop 759 meeting in Howe's Hall

Sat./Sun.: International Holiday Market

The International Holiday Market brings quality handmade crafts from around the world to make your holiday gift giving extra special. In addition to handcrafts from SERRV we will have wreaths from local Friends and Family Farm, Heifer International Project gifts, Equal Exchange Coffee, Chocolate and Cocoa, breads from local New Roots Farm and Thirty One bags and accessories. The proceeds from the sales directly benefit the various producers, the UCN Steeple Fund and Our Churches Wider Mission which assists people in crisis around the world.

When: Saturday, November 12th and Sunday, November 13th

Where: The United Church of Northfield

58 South Main Street, Northfield, Vermont

Time: 9 AM – 3 PM on Saturday, Nov. 12th

11:30 AM -1 PM on Sunday, Nov. 13th

Lunch: Sat. Nov. 12th only - Soups, breads, dessert and beverage all for \$5.

The **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** will be Tuesday, **November 22 at 7:30 p.m.** at the United Church. Pastor Jennifer will be delivering the message. There will be a reception following the service.

CHANGE IN NOVEMBER FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE METHODIST CHURCH:

United Church of Northfield will not be doing the Methodist Friday night dinner on our usual scheduled 2nd Friday of the month because of the International Holiday Market. Instead we will help Pastor Paul Hoffman with their **Thanksgiving Friday Night Dinner on November 18th**. If anyone would like to help out on that day they can call Harriet or Bonnie at 485-3770. Thanks, Bonnie Gayle