

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."*

October 2, 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
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
A Service with a Communion Celebration

Prelude & Candle Lighting:

Alison Cerutti

Introit: "We are Marching in the Light of God"

UCN Choir

Words of Welcome

***Call To Worship:**

Leader: Morning has broken. A new day has dawned.

People: But what about those of us who are tired and discouraged?

Leader: God gives us a way that promises to revive our weary souls.

People: But what about those of us who are lost and not sure which way to go?

Leader: God's way simplifies the complicated, giving us clarity like no other.

People: God's way is sweeter than honey and more desirable than fine gold.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Morning Has Broken"

PH 38

Prayer of Invocation: (seated, in unison): (from Psalm 19)

Holy One, you know we are seekers searching for wholeness in the midst of much brokenness. Revive our hurting souls with your word of hope. Grant us a wisdom that is simple and true. Speak to us so our hearts may rejoice in you.

O God, you alone are our rock and our redeemer. In you alone we find life.

Amen.

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

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Call to Confession:

The past often haunts us robbing our present of the richness with which God has provided. The future often looms before us distracting us with worry and anxiety. Jesus invites us to live in this moment; this moment full of grace and glory. Confession is an ancient practice through which God frees us from the past so we are able to fully live as God's beloved children right here and right now.

Prayer of Confession: (seated, in unison):

O God, you have given us a way full of life and truth. Forgive us for straying from your ways and trying to forge paths of our own. We are too easily distracted by false promises of wealth and security. We worry too much about the fleeting things of this world. Set our hearts upon you so we make walk together in your gospel way. Amen.

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.

Anthem: "Filla-me-up"

UCN Choir

Ayrin Southworth, soloist

A Time With Children

Reverend Jennifer Kimball

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

Scripture Reading: Old Testament: Psalm 19

New Testament: Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon: "A Sweet Way"

Reverend Jennifer Kimball

Sermon Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

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A Service of Holy Communion: (see insert): *We offer a gluten-free option.*

The Offering: (Dolma Offering Sunday): (Neighbors In Need special offering)

With our words and our silence we have proclaimed the glory of God throughout our worship this morning. Now we reach the time when we are called to reveal God's love through the giving of our own resources towards the ministry of this church and beyond. Our God is so good to us. May we give generously so others may taste the sweetness of God's word for themselves.

The Offertory:

Alison Cerutti

Doxology:

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Prayer of Dedication: (in unison):

Bless this offering with your love and wisdom so there use may further your realm in this world. Amen.

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

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

Closing Hymn: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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Brief Announcements

Benediction:

Reverend Jennifer Kimball

Choral Benediction: "Hevenu Shalom alechem"

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.*

Please join us in a special fellowship hour to welcome Jennifer Kimball and her family; husband John, and children Matison and Chloe hosted by the Search Committee in Howe's Hall following the morning worship service.

Giving for September 25, 2011: Pledge Income: \$700; Plate Offering: \$40; Heifer Offering: \$3, Total Heifer \$37.80, Goal: Tree Seedlings \$180; Other: SOS Fund: \$300. 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: Evelyn Bird & Judy Knapp

Ushers: Bev and Ed Tucker

Choir Leadership: Alison Cerutti

Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti

Deacon in Charge: Bev Knox

Childcare: Julia Hatch

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.

BIBLE STUDY WILL MEET ON MONDAYS STARTING OCT 3rd
FROM 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. WITH LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH

October 3, 2011 to October 9, 2011

- Mon.: 9 A.M. Early Bird Bible Study facilitated by Rev. Jennifer Kimball at the home of Beverly Knox, Washington Street.
5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. Girl Scouts meeting in Howe's Hall
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 in Howe's Hall.
4:45 P.M. Deacons Meeting at the home of Bev Knox.
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.: 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Troop 759 meeting in Howe's Hall -

Looking Ahead:

****THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY OCTOBER 10.**

October 13th at 6:00 P.M. SOS Committee meeting in Howe's Hall.



The SOS Committee Invites You To - The Harvest Dinner Fundraiser.

A harvest dinner will be held Saturday, **October 29th** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the United Church, Howe's Hall. All proceeds to benefit the Save Our Steeple Fund. Come and enjoy a homemade dinner of baked ham, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, pickled beets, rolls and the choice of apple or pumpkin pie. Adults \$10, Children under 12 years of age \$5.00. Contact Judy Howard at 552-4552.

All gifts are appreciated and we thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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