

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 23, 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
Ordinary Time

Prelude & Candle Lighting:

Alison Cerutti

Choral Introit: "Lord, I want to be a Christian"

UCN Choir

Words of Welcome

***Call To Worship:** (UCC Worship Ways):

Leader: You, O God, know our hearts.

People: Guide our hearts, O God.

Leader: You, O God, see our ways.

People: Shape our ways, O God.

Leader: You, O God, call our spirits.

All: Call us now, O God, as we call on you.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

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Prayer of Invocation: (UCC Worship Ways):

Happy are we, O God, when our hearts are full, our ways are yours, our spirits enlivened by your call.

Happy are we, O God, when our lives are guided by delight.

We gather here today for just that, holy God.

We gather to draw on all you would give us to be more fully yours.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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Call to Confession: Jesus teaches us to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Such love requires the commitment of our total being and we all hold pieces of ourselves back. Let us confess to God and to one another the ways we have fallen short of the greatest commandment with faith that Jesus will take our broken offerings and make us whole.

Prayer of Confession: Please forgive us God for letting our love for the things of this world come before our love for you. Remind us again that love is not about affection, feeling, or lust, but rather is our commitment to you put into action for your sake and for the sake of our neighbors and ourselves. You are love and it is through loving you, others, and ourselves we know you.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance: God's great love forgives us of our sins. With your heart, soul, and mind hear the good news: You are loved by God. You are forgiven. You are free. 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: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UCN Choir

A Time With Children:

Rev. Jennifer Kimball

(Infant and toddler care provided. Discovery Hour for all ages)

Sermon Hymn: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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Scripture Readings:

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

New Testament: Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon: "What Do You See?"

Rev. Jennifer Kimball

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.

Pastoral Prayer: (I will pause during this prayer for those who would like to lift up loved ones by name, or other thoughts.)

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: Moses led the Israelites out of captivity and with the help of God guided them through the wilderness to the threshold of the Promised Land. Yet Moses, himself never set foot in the land of milk and honey. Like Moses, we are called to give of ourselves and trust that God will use our offerings to build up the realm of God whether we see it or not. Let us give generously of what we have been given with faith that God will use our gifts in ways we cannot even imagine.

The Offertory:

Alison Cerutti

Doxology:

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Prayer of Dedication: (UCC Worship Ways): (standing, in unison):

With what you see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love.

Receive our gifts – our very best – as sweet offerings before you.

May they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

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

Response: "And also with you."

Closing Hymn: "What a Covenant"

NCH 471

Brief Announcements

Benediction:

Rev. Jennifer Kimball

Choral Benediction: "Do Lord, Remember Me"

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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 16, 2011: Pledge Income: \$1,738; Plate Offering: \$121; Heifer Offering: \$6.80, Total Heifer \$55.60, Goal: Tree Seedlings \$180; Other: NIN: \$15. Thank you for your faithful giving.

The Fall Meeting of the Washington Association of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ will be held this afternoon at 1:30 at the United Church of Cabot. If you are interested in attending, see Pastor Jennifer.

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: Annalill and Anita Crain	Ushers: Beverly and Ed Tucker
Choir Leadership: Alison Cerutti	Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti
Deacon in charge: Chris Southworth	

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.

FRIDAYS - PASTOR'S DAY OFF

BIBLE STUDY WILL MEET ON 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
October 24, 2011 to October 30, 2011

Mon.: Bible Study will meet Monday, October 24 at Bev Knox's house from 9:00 to 11:00. We will be studying Matthew 23:1-12, Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43.

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. - 8:00 P.M. Women's 12 Step AA Meeting in Howe's Hall.
NO CHOIR Rehearsal this week.

Thurs.: 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Troop 759 meeting in Howe's Hall.

SOS Harvest Dinner Fundraiser Saturday, October 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the United Church, Howe's Hall. 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. A raffle will be held during the dinner featuring a variety of items such as hand made afghans, gift certificates, framed photos, a child's knitted woolen sweater, and more. All proceeds to benefit the Save Our Steeple Fund.