

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 9, 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

UCN Choir

Words of Welcome

***Call To Worship:**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

People: With joy we proclaim God is near.

Leader: With praise and thanksgiving we worship God.

People: With faith in God's great mercy we lift up our prayers.

All: And together we seek God's holy peace.

***Hymn of Praise: "This Is the Day"**

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Prayer of Invocation: (seated, in unison):

Help us this day to seek out what is true, honorable, just, and pure. Our world is full of bad news. We all come with our own sorrows and fears.

The brokenness within us and around us is painfully evident. But so are the signs of God's grace and mercy. We never know when the Holy will be revealed to us. Keep us awake O God, so we never again miss your presence amongst us. Amen.

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

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Call to Confession:

On our own not one of us is whole. Through our unloving acts and good deeds left undone, our hurtful words to others and to ourselves, and through our silence when God calls us to speak, we all reveal our brokenness. On our own, peace is hard to find. The good news is we are not on our own. God is waiting for us to return. God is waiting to grant us the peace that comes from knowing we are forgiven and freed of our sins.

Prayer of Confession: (seated, in unison): **Forgive us, Holy One, when we dwell in the bad news around us and within us and when we miss or neglect opportunities to share your gospel with others through our words, deeds, and presence. Help us to keep on doing the things we have learned and received and heard and seen in you and in the people you send to teach us and not to make it any more complicated nor any simpler than this. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance:

Hear and receive God's forgiveness. In this assurance may you find the peace and love of Jesus Christ. And the people of God said, "**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.

Music Offering: *Make my Life an Alleluia*

UCN Choir

A Time With Children

Rev. Jennifer Kimball

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

Sermon Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

PH 335

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon: "The Good Is All Around Us"

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:

Now is an opportunity for us to give joyously and generously to the ministry of Christ's church. Take a moment to remember some of God's generous blessings upon you and trust that your offering this morning will become a blessing onto others.

The Offertory:

Alison Cerutti

Doxology:

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Prayer of Dedication: (standing, in unison):

Enliven these gifts with your love so they may be a source of love. Amen.

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

Response: "And also with you."

Closing Hymn: "Glory, Glory Hallelujah"

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Brief Announcements

Benediction:

Rev. 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.*

The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield

Ministers to the World: The Congregation

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Jennifer Kimball

Ushers: Max Greene and Dean Howe

Choir Leadership: Alison Cerutti

Deacon in charge: Judy Plumley

Secretary: Laura Ranker

Sexton: Arnold Nichols

Greeters: Judy and Frank Plumley

Pianist/Organist: Alison Cerutti

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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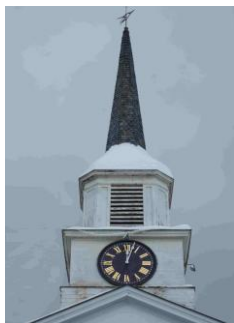
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THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH *October 10, 2011 to October 16, 2010*

- Mon.: No Bible Study this week. Bible Study will resume on October 17th.
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.
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.: 6:00 P.M. SOS Committee meeting Howe's Hall.
7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Troop 759 meeting in Howe's Hall.
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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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