

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."***

February 5, 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
5th Sunday after Epiphany**

Prelude & Candle Lighting:

Alison Cerutti

Choral Introit: "Psalite Deo" (also Taize)

UCN Choir

Words of Welcome

***Call To Worship:** (Maren Tirabassi & Joan Jordan Grant from *An Improbable Gift of Blessing*): From Psalm 147

Leader: Come, flock of voices, sing!
Come and sound your praises to our God!

**People: Come, mount the wings of exaltation!
Come, fledgling choir, and fly!**

Leader: Have you no loss that God's hand restored?
Have you no break that God's hand repaired?

**People: Have you no strife that God's hand repealed?
Have you no life that God's hand redeemed?**

Leader: Then lift your voice and sing!

**All: A song of praise—
Sweet music of the sphere:
Our God of Life still lives!**

Hymn of Praise: "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" NCH 476

Morning Prayer: (Tirabassi and Grant): From Psalm 147

**All: Gentle God, you give the stars names, you feed fledgling ravens
when they cry, you heal the brokenhearted, and you listen to us. We come
to find your love not with horse-strength or runner-speed, but with our
wounds and namelessness and need for a song. Amen.**

Prayer Response: "Hear our Prayer" NCH #769 UCN Choir

Call to Confession: (Tirabassi and Grant):

We have tried to live our lives alone, not waiting for God's renewal. Let us
confess that we are tired and failing.

Prayer of Confession: (Tirabassi and Grant): Isaiah 40

**All: Creator God, we push ourselves into exhaustion with petty tasks; we
offer one another faint-hearted relationships; we run after so many good
things that we run out of energy; we depend on our own capacities of
youth or competence, planning or understanding. Mother-Eagle God,
slide your wing under our stumbling, give us your hand on our weary
walk, forgive us our foolish pride and our self-wasting. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance: (Tirabassi and Grant):

God does not faint or grow weary. God's forgiveness is so powerful it could kill
us and so tender it can give us birth. 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

UCN Choir

A Time with Children

Rev. Jennifer Kimball

(Infant and toddler care provided. There is Discovery Hour for children of all ages in Howe's Hall)

Sermon Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

NCH 472

Scripture Reading

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

NCH 720-721

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:21-31

New Testament: Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: "Restoration to the Ordinary"

Rev. 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.*

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 Sung Response: "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Sacrament of Communion: (written by the Rev. Kaji R. Spellman for UCC

Worship Ways):

Eucharistic Prayer

Leader: May God be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the God we love.

People: We freely give God thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, beautiful and holy that we should in ceaseless joy...

Leader: Life's greatest feast before us, we excitedly proclaim:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Leader: Dear God, you transform.

You transform all that is before you

So that at the touch of your grace

We are never the same.

Dear God, you illumine.
You bring light to all peoples
Light to the nations
Light into our hearts
Light on your Way.

Dear God, we pray for your Spirit.
Transform, illumine, bless.
Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup
Into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us.

**All: In so doing,
Hold us as your own
Renew us as your people
For the sake of the world you love.**

Leader: For all honor and glory are yours, O God,
Through Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation
Both now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sharing the Elements

Post-Communion Prayer

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.
We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.
May we bask in this glow
Now and forevermore. Amen.**

The Offering: We have dwelled with God in silence and in song. We have feasted on God's Word and been nourished at Jesus' table. Let us respond with generous giving so our neighbors far and near may too be fed.

The Offertory:

Alison Cerutti

Doxology:

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Prayer of Dedication

May your generous, loving Spirit enliven these gifts so they may provide nourishment of both bodies and souls. 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" NCH 347

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.

Giving for January 29, 2012: Pledge Income 2012: \$1,177; Plate Offering: \$68.20; Heifer Offering: \$11.91, Total Heifer \$146.81, Goal: Tree Seedlings \$180; Other: SOS: \$200. Thank you for your faithful giving.

The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield

Ministers to the World: The Congregation

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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 29, 2012 - February 5, 2012

- Mon.: 9:00 -11:00 Early Morning Bible Study at the home of Bev Knox. We will be studying Mark 1:40-45, Psalm 30 and 2 Kings 5:1-14.
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.: 3:00 P.M. Mayo Nursing Home Worship
7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. BSA Troop 759.



MARCH 11, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. *The Gospel of Mark*,

Told from memory by Rev. Bert Marshall: "The whole gospel, beginning to end, as it might have been told in the early years of the Jesus Movement. Hear it come to life in a life storytelling performance!" A light lunch will be served before the storytelling.



SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL CERV - Please bring donations of non-perishable food items for the Northfield Food Shelf and place them in the mission food cart now located inside the sanctuary at the rear corner of the church.

FEBRUARY's suggested items are cereal & peanut butter.