

# 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."***

**January 29, 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  
4<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Prelude & Candle Lighting:**

Alison Cerutti

**Choral Introit:** "Psalite Deo" (also Taize)

UCN Choir

**Words of Welcome**

**\*Call To Worship:** (James Dillet Freeman "Prayer of Protection")

Leader: The light of God surrounds me;

**People: The love of God enfolds me;**

Leader: The power of God protects me;

**People: The presence of God watches over me;**

**All: Wherever I am, God is.**

**Hymn of Praise: "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

PH 66

**Morning Prayer:**

**All: Your presence is as awesome as snow covered mountains against the backdrop of daybreak. Your love is as intimate as our very breath.**

**Awaken your Spirit within us this morning, O God so we may gaze at your glory just as we are held in your hand. Amen.**

**Prayer Response:** "Hear our Prayer" NCH #769

UCN Choir

**Call to Confession:**

Leader: Jesus has the power to forgive our sins and heal our inner wounds.

May God help us to see the difference between the sins for which we are in need of forgiveness and the wounds for which we are in need of healing. May God help us to accept the new life offered to us through the life-giving power of Christ.

**Prayer of Confession:**

**All: God of love and mercy, help us to recognize the sins for which we need to confess and our hurts and wounds that are in need of your healing. Whether we need forgiveness or healing remind us you are the source of both. Help us to let go and trust you to be there for us.**

***Silent Prayer***

**Words of Assurance:**

Leader: We are broken and we are beloved. We are forgiven and we are free. In Jesus, our broken pieces come together in a new way. New possibilities are revealed. 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:** "Down to the River to Pray"

UCN Choir

**A Time with Children**

**Sermon Hymn: "There Are Some Things I May Not Know"**

NCH 405

## Scripture Reading

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 111 (NCH p. 696)**

**Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

**New Testament: Mark 1:21-28**

**Sermon:** "Jesus the Exorcist"

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.*

**Silent Prayer:** We take a minute to be in silence to await God's peace.

**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.**

## The Offering:

Leader: What we discover in Jesus is too good to keep to ourselves. One way to share the blessings of God's love is to share what we have so our offering may be used to further the mission of this church. In this way we all contribute and our gifts are combined to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

## The Offertory:

Alison Cerutti

## Doxology:

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## Prayer of Dedication

**All: Bless the offering of your people and guide the use of the money so it may bring your Gospel to the people of this church, this community, and this world. Amen.**

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

Response: "And also with you."

**Closing Hymn: "Joys Are Flowing Like a River"**

NCH 284

**Mission Moment 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: CERV**

Sara Fish

## 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.*

We express our gratitude and thanks to Sara Fish of CERV for joining us this morning and informing us about this valuable community program and resource. During the Month of January, the UCN will be collecting peanut butter and cereal items for the local food shelf. Watch for the February collection announcement in the upcoming church newsletter.

**Giving for January 22, 2012:** Pledge Income 2012: \$785; Plate Offering: \$16.50; Heifer Offering: \$0, Total Heifer \$134.90, Goal: Tree Seedlings \$180; Other: Howe's Hall \$50; Louise Halsted Charity Fund: \$2,565.70. Thank you for your faithful giving.

### **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: Brenda Cruickshank & Leah Knapp	Ushers: Ray & Ginny Kunkel
Choir Leadership Today: Alison Cerutti	Pianist/Organist Today: Alison Cerutti
Deacon in charge: Liz & Roy Butler	Infant/Childcare: TBD

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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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 Isaiah 40:21-31, Mark 1:29-39, and Psalm 147:1-11, 20.

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.

5:00 P.M. Deacons meeting at the home of Bev Knox.

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.: 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. BSA Troop 759.

### **SAVE THE DATE: 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.