

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*
James Biery

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

When you find yourself lost and confused,
may you hear Christ calling your name.

As you venture on uncertain pathways,
may you recognize Christ with you on the journey.

In times of wondering and doubt,
may you feel Christ's patient reassurance.
And in all times and places know this:
Christ is risen. Alleluia! Amen.

+Hymn *He Lives* UMH #310

Children's Message

Special Music Handbell Anthem
A Blessing Michael Helman

THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture John 20:19-31

+Hymn *Now the Green Blade Riseth*
UMH #311

Message Faith Questions: Beyond Blame

THANKSGIVING

Offertory

Offertory Music *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*
Johann Sebastian Bach

Offertory Liturgy

**Risen Christ,
you meet us in our questions,
in our doubts,
and even in our fear.**

**You do not turn us away—
you draw near.**

**Bless these gifts,
that they might become signs of your
presence in the world:
healing where there is hurt,
welcome where there is exclusion,
and hope where there is despair.**

**Use us, and what we offer,
to embody your love—
a love that refuses to blame
and instead makes all things new.
Amen.**

+Hymn *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*
UMH #304

BLESSING

Go now as Easter people—
not with all the answers,
but with open hearts.

Go with your questions,
your wonder,
and your courage to keep showing up.

For Christ meets you on the way,
breathes peace into your fear,
and calls you by name.
Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude *Now the Green Blade Riseth*
Mark Sedio

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor
Kristen Twitchell, Reader
Joanne Rodland, Organist
Kathy Szydlo, Handbell Choir Director

Adult Faith Formation

4/12-5/3: Spirituality of Earth and Resurrection:

Four-week exploration of the unique person, spirituality and teachings of Hildegard of Bingen, a German Benedictine abbess, mystic, musician, early naturalist and holistic teacher. Led by Dr. Almut Furchert.

If you are new here . . .

- ✧ We are so glad you joined us!
- ✧ **If you would benefit from a large print bulletin or a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher.**
- ✧ +Please stand as able when you see this symbol as we move through the order of worship.
- ✧ Words for congregational liturgy and song are listed in the bulletin or projected on the screen at the front of the sanctuary. Most hymns can be found in the hardcover *United Methodist Hymnal* (2-3 digit) or soft cover *The Faith We Sing* (4 digit) located in the pews. We also have Bibles for following along with Scripture.
- ✧ Check our website for more information.

For Parents

- ✧ Want to learn more about NUMC's ministry with children, youth, and families? Join our email list! info@northfieldumc.org
- ✧ Staffed nursery available for children during worship.

Northfield United Methodist Church Mission

We are companions in Christ, called, nurtured, and sent out for this purpose: to glorify God by acts of worship, devotion, compassion, and justice.

Donna Dempewolf, Pastor
Kristen Twitchell, Interim Youth Director
Izel Thoele, Youth & Children's Intern
Jane Dagher, Youth & Children's Intern
Ruth Kruse, Parish Nurse
For more information visit our website at www.northfieldumc.org.
Miss a week?
Watch our worship service online on our website!

Jesus Christ calls us to offer welcome, hospitality and God's gracious love to all.

Upcoming Events

Sundays

9:30 am – Worship
9:40 am – Children's Church
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall
10:30 am – Adult Faith Formation

Wednesdays

3:30 – 5:30 pm, (K-5th) Fun, Faith & Food Snack
5:30-6:15 pm – Community Meal
6:15 pm – Adult Choir
6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
6:30 pm – Youth Fellowship

Upcoming Events

Micah, Monday, April 13, 10:00 am, room #120

Esther Circle, Monday, April 13, 1:00 pm, Kildahl

Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, April 14, 9:00 am, room #120

Mission Sewing, Wednesday, April 15, 9:00, room #120

Men's Breakfast, Friday, April 17, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall

UW Faith River Bluffs Area meeting, Saturday, April 18, 8:30-2:00, NUMC, register with Thalia Duffield

May Herald Newsletter Deadline, Monday, April 20, noon

Facilities Spring Work Day and Tree Planting, Saturday, April 25, 8:00 am – noon(ish)

South African Rev. Alan Storey Events:

Northfield Youth Gathering, Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 pm, 6:30 pizza, Emmaus Church

St. Olaf Daily Chapel speaker, Thursday, April 23, 11:00 am, Boe Memorial Chapel

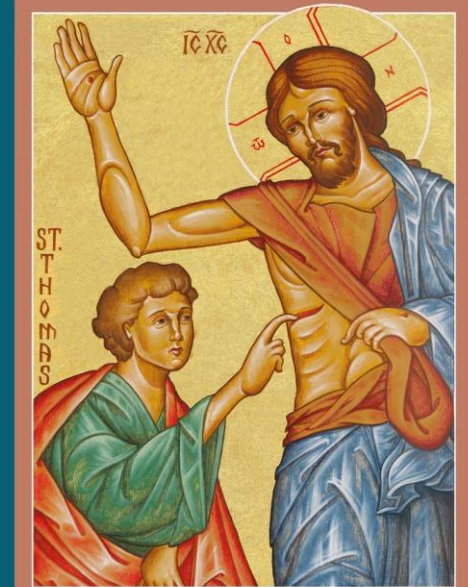
Called as Community in Fractured Times, Thursday, April 23, 6:30 pm, free event, St. John's church

Manna & Mercy Retreat, April 24-25, more info and registration at alanstoreyinminnesota.org

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



Faith Questions

April 12, 2026
9:30 am

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