

# May grace meet you here . . .

**Prelude** *My Song Is Love Unknown*  
R. Vaughan Williams

## Greeting and Welcome

### +Call to Worship

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
**and by night but did no rest.**

**+Hymn**  
*Lamb of God* TFWS #2113

**Poem**  
*To Ask Why*

**+Hymn**  
*Ah, Holy Jesus* UMH #289 vs 1-2

**Reading**  
*A Coney Island of the Mind*, 5

## Prayer

**Scripture**  
Matthew 27:27-31

**+Hymn**  
*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
UMH #286 vs 1-2

**Scripture**  
Matthew 27:32-44

**Special Music** *My Dream*  
Hezekiah Ben Shirnai

**Scripture**  
Matthew 27:45-50

**+Hymn**  
*Were You There* UMH #288 vs 1-2

**Message** *Why?*

**+Hymn**  
*Jesus, Remember Me* UMH #488

**The Cross of Christ**  
(As we sing *Jesus, Remember Me* you are invited to come forward and place a nail or a stone near the Cross in front of the sanctuary.)

**Tolling of Bells**  
(*We are tolling the bell 33 times, once for each year of Jesus' life.*)

**Sending**  
As we leave communal worship to enter the stillness of this liminal night,  
know that the Triune God walks with us—  
even in doubt,  
even in death,  
even in the waiting.

Go in peace, and in silence,  
to wait with those who wait,  
and mourn with those who mourn.

## Extinguishing Candles & Carryout Flame

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor  
Philip Spensley, Reader  
Tracy Goodwin, Reader  
Mary Twitchell, Reader  
Joanne Rodland, Organist  
Hezekiah Ben Shirnai, Vocalist  
Tim Goodwin, Guitar

## 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](mailto: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  
Kayla Inahuazo, Youth & Children's Intern  
Ruth Kruse, Parish Nurse  
For more information visit our website at [www.northfieldumc.org](http://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-5<sup>th</sup>) 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

### Lenten Schedule

**Good Friday**, Friday, April 3, 6:30 pm  
**Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 4, 1:00 pm  
**Easter Sunday**, Sunday, April 5, 9:30 am  
**Easter Brunch following worship**

The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Adult Faith Formation

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

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.

Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.



# Good Friday

Seeking | Why have you forsaken me?

April 3, 2026  
6:30 pm

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