

# May grace meet you here . . .

## WELCOME

Prelude *Vai com Deus* Simeí Montero

Greeting and Welcome

+Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Come, O Mystery, and wake us up.

**Come, O Fire, and warm our hearts.**

Come, O Salt, and make life tasty.

**Come, O Light, and chase away the dark.**

+Hymn *Here I Am to Worship* Tim Hughes  
(lyrics on screen)

Children's Message

Children's Choir  
*Jesus Loves Me* UMH #191  
(congregation join in on verse 3)  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* UMH #240  
(congregation join in on verse 3)

Pastoral Prayers and Lord's Prayer

## THE WORD

Scripture Matthew 5:13-20, Isaiah 58:6-8

+Hymn *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*  
TFWS #2232

Message *Visible, Not Neutral*

## THANKSGIVING

Offertory

Offertory Music  
*Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*  
Barrett, Ingram & Tomlin

## Offertory Liturgy

O God of salt and light, as we bring our hearts, our gifts and our lives to you now, we trust you to transform these offerings into food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and hope and love for all who need you this day. Transform what we offer here, including the persons we are becoming by your grace. Amen.

Holy Communion (*gluten free wafers are near the baptismal font in the back of the sanctuary*)

## Invitation

Come to this feast of bread and cup—  
a gift of grace and the promise of Christ among us. This is God's table, where all who seek mercy and peace are welcome. Come, for all things are ready.

## Words of Institution

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered with his followers, he offered the bread in thanksgiving and said:  
**"Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

In the same way, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said:

**"Take, drink. This is my blood, the blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."**

## Invocation

**Come, Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in these ordinary gifts and in our ordinary lives. Make them for us the living Christ among us.**

+Hymn *One Bread, One Body* UMH #620

## Prayer after Communion

**For the wholeness you give us through broken bread and shared cup, we thank you. For the community restored among us, we thank you. Send us out in gratitude and courage, to practice justice with steadfastness, guided by your Spirit. Amen.**

Children's Choir *This Little Light of Mine*  
(congregation joins on last verse)

+Hymn *God of Justice, Love and Mercy*  
Edwin Wilmington  
(lyrics on screen)

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Blessing *Dona Nobis Pacem* UMH #376

Postlude *Lean on Me* Bill Withers

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor  
Kevin Merkle, Reader  
NUMC Band  
Hezekiah Ben Shirnai, Vocals and Guitar  
Kristen Twitchell, Vocals  
Ava Podracky, Vocals  
Elaine Boda, Cello  
Wendy Smith, Flute and Guitar  
Tim Goodwin, Guitar  
David Miller, Piano  
Mike Legvold, Bass Guitar  
Dave Drentlaw, Drums

## 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  
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

### Upcoming Events

**Playtime for Toddlers**, every Tuesday through March 10, 10:00-11:30 am, Gym

**Methodist Mile Walking**, every Tuesday and Thursday through March 19, 1:30-4:00 pm

**United Women in Faith mtg.**, Monday, February 2, room #120

**Women's Bible Study**, Tuesday, February 3, 9:00 am, room #120

**Men's Breakfast**, Friday, February 6, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall

### Adult Faith Formation

**Sunday, 10:30 am, Reception Room**

**2/1 - Your Identity in Creation (Ecological Identity)** series led by Tim Goodwin

2/8 & 2/15 – **Social Justice** facilitated by MICAH team

**Wednesday, 6:15 pm, Library**

Wednesday discussion group on short articles from the Hope for Creation curriculum. Articles will be distributed at Sunday adult formation classes.

**2/4: "The Paradise of God: Renewing Religion in an Ecological Age"**, facilitator Amy Allin

**2/11: "Selected Writings on the Earth Community"**, facilitated by a Creation Care group leader

Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.



## The Sermon on the Mount | Visible, Not Neutral

February 1, 2026  
9:30 am

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