

# *May grace meet you here . . .*

## **WELCOME**

Prelude *Poor Wayfaring Stranger*  
arr. D. Miller

Greeting and Welcome

+Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Listen!

**There is hope to be found here.**

Listen!

**God calls you by name here.**

Listen!

**There is love that abides here.**

This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

**God is speaking.**

Let us worship.

**Amen.**

+Hymn *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*  
TFWS #2088

Affirmation of Faith

In a world full of noise,

**we believe that God is speaking.**

In a world full of chaos,

**we believe that God is singing.**

In a world full of temptation,

**we believe that God is healing.**

Church, who will you listen to?

**We will listen to God—our Creator, Friend, and Guide.**

Church, what will you listen for?  
**We will listen for water in the desert,  
for the wind of the Spirit,  
for the laughter of children,  
for the sound of open doors,  
and for God's voice, who calls us beloved.**  
Amen.

## **THE WORD**

Children's Message

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

+Hymn *Change My Heart, O God* TFWS #2152

Message *Seeking | Who will you listen to?*

## **THANKSGIVING**

Offertory

Offertory Music *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*  
African American Spiritual, arr. Pamela York

Offertory Liturgy

**Bless these gifts we offer today—the work of  
our hands and the devotion of our hearts.  
May they be used to create spaces of  
welcome, even in the wilderness, where love  
is shared, justice is pursued, and all are invited  
to learn and lead in your presence. Amen.**

+Hymn *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*  
TFWS #2112

## **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Blessing

As you leave this place,  
may God bless you with seeking.  
Seek out the hungry.  
Seek the weary.

Seek the good in every person you pass.  
Seek out the hopeful.  
Seek the faithful.  
Seek God in each of us.  
As you seek and as you wonder,  
may you find what you are looking for.  
In the name of our loving God,  
who is always seeking us,  
go now in peace. Amen.

Postlude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor

Carl Caskey, Reader

NUMC Band

Jeff Wood, Vocals and Trombone

Kristen Twitchell, Vocals

Ava Podracky, Vocals

Tim Goodwin, Guitar

David Miller, Piano

Mike Legvold, Bass 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 Thoelle, Youth & Children's Intern  
Jane Dagher, 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**, Tuesdays through March 10, 10:00-11:30 am, Gym

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

**Women's Bible Study**, Tuesday, February 24, 9:00 am, room #120

**Mission Sewing**, Wednesday, February 25, 9:00, room #120

**Men's Breakfast**, Friday, February 27, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall

### Adult Faith Formation

#### 2/22-3/15: Morality Without Myths

An invitation to clearer moral vision and greater self-honesty exploring common moral assumptions, what complicates them, and concluding with discernment practice. Led by Chuck Huff, PhD

### Easter Flower Orders

Place your Easter flower order by filling out the order form found in the Herald Newsletter or on the table in the hallway outside the Sanctuary and return to the church office with payment by Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.



**Seeking | Who will you listen to?**

**February 22, 2026  
9:30 am**

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