

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *Das Alte Jahr Vergangen*
The Old Year Has Passed J.S. Bach

Greeting and Welcome

+Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

You have heard it said: return harm for harm, protect yourself, strike back, draw the line.

But Jesus calls us into another way.

A way that refuses revenge, that loosens the grip of fear, that chooses courage over coercion.

A way that breaks cycles instead of repeating them.

Come—not because this way is easy, but because it is faithful.

We come to listen. We come to be changed.

Come and worship the God who meets us on the road of love.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* UMH #451

Unison Prayer

God of Jesus Christ, we confess how easily we return harm for harm and call it wisdom. We name how fear passes as strength and self-protection as faithfulness. Yet Jesus calls us into another way—a way of courageous love that refuses to mirror the violence of the world. Unsettle what has grown comfortable in us. Bend us toward mercy and justice. We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem
How Firm a Foundation
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

THE WORD

Scripture
Matthew 5:38-48

+Hymn
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
UMH #521

Message *The Third Way*

THANKSGIVING

Offertory

Offertory Music
Vater Unser Im Himmelreich
Our Father In Heaven J.S. Bach

Offertory Liturgy
God of love, receive what we bring—our gifts, our lives, our imperfect faith. Shape them in the way of Christ, for the peace-making and mending of the world. Amen.

+Hymn
God of Grace and God of Glory
UMH #577

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Blessing

Go now in the way of Christ—neither returning harm for harm, nor withdrawing in fear, but choosing the courage of love. And may the grace of God, the companionship of Jesus, and the power of the Spirit guide your steps. Amen.

Postlude *Help Mir Gots Gute Preisen*
Help Me Glorify God's Goodness Dear Children
J.S. Bach

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Prelude and Postlude this morning are from Bach's famous collection, *The Liturgical Year*, providing compositions for every season of the Christian Year.

Donna Dempewolf, Pastor

Robert Steed, Reader

Joanne Rodland, Organist

Deborah Rae Miller, Adult Choir Director

David Miller, Piano

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 Thoelle, 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

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

UWFaith Bake Sale, today, Sunday, February 8, Narthex, before and after worship

MICAH, Monday, February 9, 10:00 am, room #120

Esther Circle, Monday, February 9, 1:00 pm, Kildahl
Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, February 10, 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

2/8 – Tales from Bethlehem: Conversations in MN
led by Ruben Slomianski, Jewish Voice for Peace, facilitated by the MICAH team

No Wednesday Climate meeting 2/11

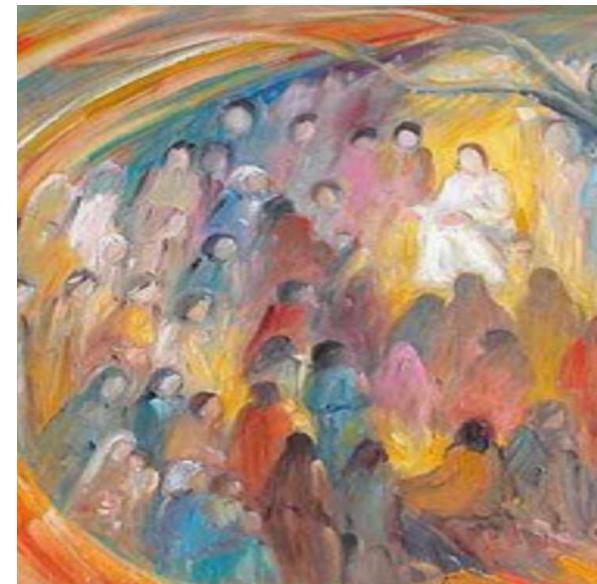
ISAIAH Board Action

Please attend the Rice County Board meeting, Feb 10, 8 a.m. (320 Third St, Faribault) to support a statement asking for reduced ICE activity, and to act within the law. We need a strong turnout to show this matters. Contact Mary Lynn for carpooling.

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



The Sermon on the Mount | The Third Way

**February 8, 2026
9:30 am**

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