

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *People Get Ready* Curtis Mayfield

Greeting and Welcome

+Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Come, all who are poor in spirit;
come, all who mourn;
come, all who are meek;
come, all who hunger and thirst after
righteousness.

Come, all who would be merciful;
come, all who would be pure in heart;
come, all who would be peacemakers.

Let us come together.

Let us worship the God who envisions the
world right-side up.

+Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH #519

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in the One who puts love in my heart
and gives me peace that overshadows all
woes. I believe in the One who nourishes our
bodies and keeps our souls healthy with the
Bread and Water of life. I believe in the One
who gives us mercy to give as a gift to others,
and appoints peacemakers in the midst of
war. I believe in the One who keeps me
standing on holy ground though surrounded
by false gods, false teaching, and false
doctrines. I believe in the One who called
Moses and Miriam, Jacob and Rebecca, Paul

and Priscilla and Aquila, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks and Howard Thurman.
I believe in the One whose face we will see at
the end of this journey in the fulfillment of
God's kingdom. I believe in the awesome
power of the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus.
I believe in God. Amen.

Children's Message

Poem Izel Thoele

+Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* UMH #474

Pastoral Prayers and Lord's Prayer

THE WORD

Scripture Micah 6:1-8
Matthew 5:1-12

+Hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* UMH #375

Message *Upside Down*

THANKSGIVING

Mission Moment Human Relations Day
Lynn Gryc

Offertory

Offertory Music *Goin' Home*
Antonin Dvořák, arranged S. DeCesare

Offertory Liturgy

Holy God, in a world that measures worth by
power and profit, you bless the poor in spirit,
you honor mercy, you call peacemakers your
children. Receive these gifts as signs of our
trust—that your economy is not driven by
fear, but shaped by love. Use what we offer
to do justice where systems harm, to love
kindness where compassion has worn thin,
and to walk humbly with you as we seek your
reign in this world. Turn our giving upside
down so it becomes a blessing. Amen.

+Hymn *He's Got the Whole World in His*
Hands/We Shall Overcome (lyrics on screen)
Afro-American Spirituals

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Blessing

Postlude *This Little Light of Mine*
Afro-American Spiritual

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor

Philip Spensley, Reader

NUMC Band

Jeff Wood, Vocals and Trombone

Kristen Twitchell, Vocals

Ava Podracky, Vocals

Elaine Boda, Cello

Tim Goodwin, Guitar

David Miller, Piano

Wendy Smith, 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
- ❖ 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, 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
Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, January 20, 9:00 am, room #120
Herald Newsletter Deadline, Wednesday, January 21, noon
Men's Breakfast, Friday, January 23, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Adult Faith Formation

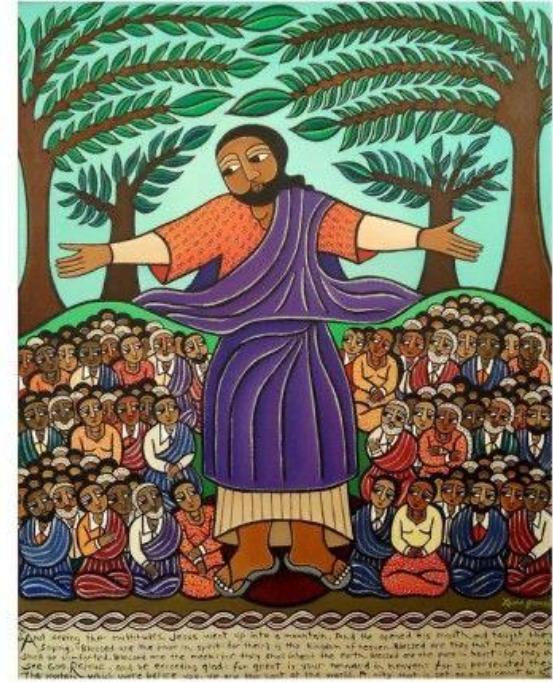
Sunday, 10:30 am, Reception Room
Jan. 18, 25 & Feb. 1 - Your Identity in Creation (Ecological Identity) series led by Tim Goodwin
Wednesday, 6:15 pm, Library
Jan. 28 and Feb. 11 – Hope for Creation Curriculum, climate care study and discussion of climate change materials from Tim Eberhart. Informal hour-long discussion.

The Church office will be closed Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday.

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



The Sermon on the Mount: Upside Down

**January 18, 2026
9:30 am**

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