

May grace meet you here . . .

Prelude *Just As I Am* Charlotte Elliott
William Bradbury

Greeting and Welcome

+Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Welcome, friends—long-timers and newcomers alike—to this celebration of 170 years of Northfield United Methodist Church and the wider Northfield community. We give thanks for the generations who have worshiped, served, and grown in this place. And we begin by acknowledging that this land was first home to the Wahpekute and Mdewakanton bands of the Dakota Nation.

Long before the first Methodist gathering on a homestead in July 1855—just weeks before the town was platted—this land held stories, songs, and sacred traditions. We honor the Dakota Nations which stewarded this land and grieve the harm done in their displacement.

With both heavy and hopeful hearts, we come—to lift up the truth of what was, to give thanks for all that has been, and to open ourselves to what God is yet doing in our midst. We remember the sacredness of this land and the pain of its history, even as we mark this anniversary with deep gratitude and reverent joy.

Moment of Silence

And now, with hearts attuned to both memory and meaning, we lift up our heritage—through camp meetings in the pines, worship in barns and schoolhouses, and the ministries we carry forward today.

We remember the early settlers—New Englanders, Germans, Norwegians, Swedes, and

others—who built not just a church, but a vision of community rooted in worship, devotion, compassion, and justice.

We remember the hymns, the prayers, the meals, the movements—every act of love done in Christ's name.

Now, in this sanctuary shaped by Spirit and design, we gather to renew our calling as companions in Christ—mindful of the past, and open to the future.

All: Open our hearts, O God, to your presence among us. Stir our memory. Expand our vision. Ready our hands for service and our spirits for love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Frontier Hymns

Are We Yet Alive UMH #553 vs 1 & 2
Say, Brothers, Will You Meet Us
(lyrics on screen)

Unison Prayer

O God, who for generations after generation has delighted in the assembly of Thy people in the sanctuary: receive us graciously as we come into Thy house, and grant, we entreat Thee, that peace and prosperity may be found within its walls, that the glory of God may be the light thereof, and that we may be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Call to Prayer

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
UMH #400 vs 1

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Amos 7:7-17, Colossians 1:1-14

Special Music *Fairest Lord Jesus*
arr. Victor Lebenske

Children's Message

+Hymn *Amazing Grace* UMH #400 vs.1-3, 6

Message "Plumblines and Plat Lines"
Clay Oglesbee

Offertory *When I Raise You Up*

+Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
UMH #95

+Offertory Liturgy – Wesleyan Covenant Prayer
I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

+Hymn *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*
UMH #724

+Blessing

Postlude *Forth in Thy Name* Charles Wesley
John Hatton

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor
Clay Oglesbee, Pastor
Philip Spensley, Reader
NUMC Band

Tim Goodwin, Guitar, Vocals
Jeff Wood, Vocals, Trombone
David Miller, Piano, Accordion
Jeff Gurney, Acoustic Bass

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
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
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

NUMC Church Softball, Sunday, July 20, 6:00 pm, Babcock, NUMC vs St. Dominic Johnny's
Family Night at the Ballpark, Sunday, July 20, 6:00 pm, Babcock Park, games and treats.
Mugs and Muffins, Monday, July 21, 9:00 am, room #120
Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, July 22, 9:00 am, room #120
August Herald Newsletter Deadline, Tuesday, July 22, noon
Mission Sewing, Wednesday, July 23, 9:00 am, room #120
NUMC Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 23, 5:30 pm, Library
Men's Breakfast, Friday, July 25, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall
Family Movie Night, Sunday, August 10, 5:00-7:00 pm, pizza, popcorn, family friendly movie.
Back to School Summer Splash Party, Saturday, August 23, 1:00-4:00 pm.

Church office hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Closed on Friday

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



170th Anniversary Worship

July 22, 1855-July 20, 2025
9:30 am

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