

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Greeting and Welcome

+Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

What is it like to begin again?

It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.

It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.

It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.

It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.

May we find God in our seeking.

May we learn as we go.

May we be brave enough to begin again.

Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

+Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
UMH #400

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God who meets us in the shadows, who welcomes our questions, who invites us to begin again. We believe that Jesus showed us a new way, a deeper faith, a more compassionate existence. We believe that all of our beginnings should return us to this foundation, and that no matter how many times we lose our way, God always welcomes us home. Amen.

THE WORD

Scripture John 3:1-17

Children's Message

+Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* UMH #393

Message Seeking | How do we begin again?

THANKSGIVING

Offertory

Offertory Music Choir Anthem
Just As I Am, Without One Plea
Charlotte Elliott, William B. Bradbury

Offertory Liturgy
God of wind and water, you make new life possible. Receive these gifts and breathe through them, that your love may grow in this community and beyond. Amen.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession
God of new life, you call us into unknown places,
and we bury our heads in the sand.
You promise all the stars in the sky,
and we doubt it can be true.
You speak of new life in the Spirit,
and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.
Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you.

Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to begin again with you. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Words of Institution

Communion Music
My Heart Is Filled With Longing

+Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
UMH #402

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Blessing

Postlude *My Jesus Leadeth Me, Immortal Joy To See, In Life Eternal*

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This morning's organ music features Brahms' Eleven Chorale Preludes. Written in 1896 as his final compositions and published in 1902, these treasures are based on Lutheran hymns and beautifully paint their texts.

Donna Dempewolf, Pastor
Catherine Williams, 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 Thoele, Youth & Children's Intern
Jane Dagher, 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

United Women in Faith, Monday, March 2, 10:00 am, room #120

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

Mission Sewing, Wednesday, March 4, 9:00, room #120

Men's Breakfast, Friday, March 6, 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

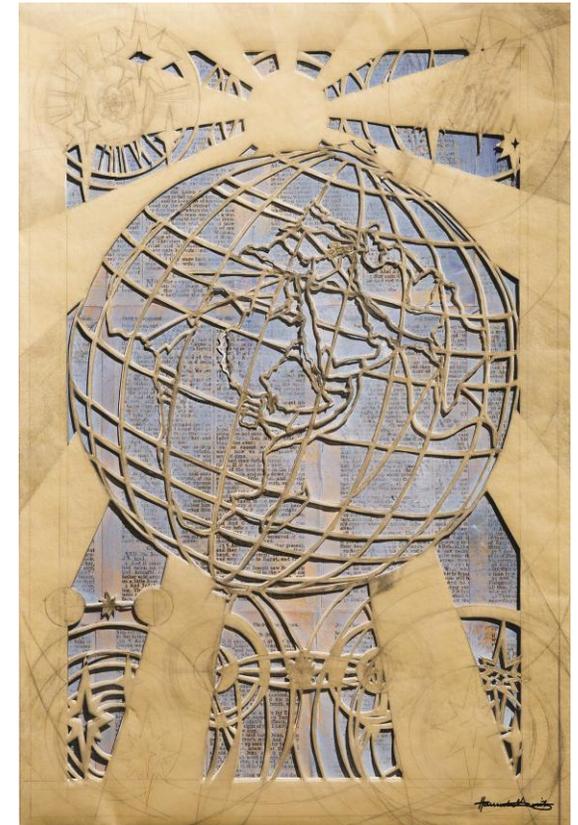
Easter Flower Orders

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 25th.

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



Seeking | How do we
begin again?

March 1, 2026
9:30 am

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