

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *Aria* John S. Dixon

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Name Unnamed, whose presence is nearer
than we dare imagine,

**Fill us with wonder of you that we may be
filled with wonder of ourselves and others.**

Name Unnamed, whose creativity flows like a
river running.

**Startle us with diversity; surprise us with
difference; fill us with wonder of you.**

Name Unnamed, whose mystery is revealed in
Jesus,

**Reshape our perceptions and reshape our
prayers, that we may be renewed by wonder.**

+Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
UMH #103 vs 1-3

United Methodist Social Creed Litany

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ
calls us by grace to be renewed in the image of
our Creator, that we may be one in divine love
for the world.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of
creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all
life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God embraces all hues of
humanity, delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity transforming strangers into
friends.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God cries with the masses of
starving people, despises growing disparity
between rich and poor, demands justice for
workers in the marketplace.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God calls for nations and
peoples to live in peace, celebrates where
justice and mercy embrace, exults when the
wolf grazes with the lamb.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God brings good news to the
poor, proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind, and sets the
oppressed free.

And so shall we.

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Special Music

The Road Home Kevin and Amy Allin

THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 36:5-9
Luke 13:18-21

+Hymn *Hymn of Promise* UMH #707

Message *The Hands of God*

THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music

Let There Be Peace on Earth Sy Miller

Offertory Liturgy

Let us share our gifts with joy, remembering
that God holds this whole wide world in loving
hands.

**In Christ, all are welcomed; through the Spirit,
all are one. Amen.**

+Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*
UMH #664

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Blessing

**Go now, shaped by the hands of God, moved
by the Spirit's breath, and rooted in the love
that renews the world. Amen.**

Postlude *Prelude in F Major* J.S. Bach

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*"My mind is on fire to understand this most
intricate riddle."* St. Augustine

Donna Dempewolf, Pastor
Charley Handlang, Reader
Donna Paulsen, Organist

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 &
Interim Children's Ministry
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
9:40 am – Children's Church
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall
10:30 am – Adult Forum

Wednesdays

No Super Wednesday October 15

3:30 – 5:30 pm, (K-5th Grade) Fun, Faith & Food
Snack
5:30-6:15 pm – Community Meal
6:15 pm – Adult Choir (beginning October 29)
6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
6:30 pm – Youth Fellowship

Upcoming Events

Micah Meeting, Monday, October 13, 10:00 am,
Fellowship Hall

Esther Circle, Monday, October 13, 1:00 pm, Kildahl

Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, October 14, 9:00
am, room #120

Men's Breakfast, Friday, October 17, 8:00 am,
Fellowship Hall

Adult Formation – 10:30 Reception Room
The Revised Social Principles, Facilitator: Clay
Oglesbee

10/12 – The Social Community

Spirituality of the Arts, Facilitator: Tim Goodwin

10/19 – Spirituality of the Artist – Michon Weeks and
Anda Tanaka

10/26 – Spirituality of Writing – Paul Kluge and Tim
Goodwin

Creation Care Step - Week of October 12:

By trading one short weekly car trip for walking,
biking, or public transit, individual's small gas
savings, when multiplied by billions, create a
massive global impact on the climate crisis.

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



Upside Down | Parables of Jesus

October 12, 2025
9:30 am

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