

May grace meet you here . . .

Prelude *Wondrous Love* arr. David Johnson

Greeting and Welcome

+Call to Worship

On this night, we come to the cross—
a place of suffering,
a place of truth,
a place caught between acceptance and
resistance.

**We come, hearts heavy,
bearing questions, grief, and wonder.**

Christ did not run from the pain.

He faced the powers of this world with love.

He accepted the path, even as the world
resisted grace.

**So we come, to remember,
to weep, to wait,
to hold space for all that is broken and not yet
healed.**

**All: Let us worship the One who stayed,
who loved until the end,
and who holds us in the tension of everything
[in] between.**

+Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
UMH 298 vs. 1-3

Prayer

When we follow in the steps of Jesus, we say
yes to bearing his cross—
not because suffering saves us,
not to prove our strength,
but because love like his cannot exist without
cost.

So together, let us pray:

**Jesus, when we walk your road,
we walk with the outcast and the oppressed.
When we love as you loved,
we resist the forces that divide and destroy.
Forgive us when we turn away,
when we stay silent in the face of injustice.
Give us courage, O God,
to accept the cost of discipleship,
and to resist the powers that nail love to a
cross.
Amen.**

Centering

Ah, Holy Jesus UMH #289 vs 1

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Luke 23:20-27

+Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
UMH #286 vs 1

Scripture Luke 23:32-43

+Hymn *Jesus Remember Me*
UMH #488 (sung twice, reflectively)

Scripture Luke 23:44-49

Message *A Wide Embrace*

+Hymn *Were You There* UMH #288

The Cross of Christ

(As we sing *Were You There?* you are invited to
come forward and place a nail or a stone near
the Cross in front of the sanctuary.)

Tolling of Bells

(We are tolling the bell 33 times, once for each
year of Jesus' life.)

Extinguishing Candles & Carryout out Flame

(You are invited to depart in silence.)

Postlude *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
arr. James Southbridge

Sending

As we leave communal worship to enter the
stillness of this liminal night,
know that the Triune God walks with us—
even in doubt,
even in death,
even in the waiting.
Go in peace, and in silence,
to wait with those who wait,
and mourn with those who mourn.

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Pastor Donna Dempewolf
Donna Paulsen, Organist
Catherine Williams, Reader
Philip Spensley, Reader
Mary Twitchell, Reader

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
Gregory Ennis, 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 (5th grade and under)
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

3:30-5:30 pm – KC3 (K-5th grade)
5:30-6:15 pm – Super Wednesday meal
6:15 pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 pm – Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)

Upcoming Events

Caring For Creation Series Schedule

Worship 9:30 am, Class 10:30 am

April 27

Dr. Kiara Jorgenson, Hope Through Tears
Class: Dr. Mark Seeley, Our Current Climate Situation

May 4

Dr. Timothy Eberhart, Called to be Creatures
Class: Dr. Eberhart, God in All Things: Recovering our Spiritual Ties to the Land

May 11

Pastor Donna Dempewolf, Listening for a Voice
Class: Facilitator Mary Lynn Oglesbee, Courage and Renewal

Lenten Schedule

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT, Saturday, April 19, 1:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, Sunday, April 20, 9:30 am, Easter Brunch following service in Fellowship Hall

EASTER BRUNCH EGG BAKE DONATIONS NEEDED!

Email youth@northfieldumc.org to donate.

The Church office will be closed Monday, April 21

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



Good Friday

Everything [In] Between Acceptance & Resistance

April 18, 2025
9:30 am

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