

# May grace meet you here . . .

## WELCOME

Prelude *Carillon de Westminster*  
Louis Vierne

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

We have known grief.  
We have known loss.  
We have known the long road, tired and winding.  
We have whispered prayers on bended knees.  
We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.  
But today—

**Today we know hope.**

Today we know life.

**Today we know the sound of Alleluias.**

Today we know that death does not have the last word.

**Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

It is Easter. May hope find you;  
and may you know, deep in your bones,  
that today is a new day.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

+Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*  
UMH #302 vs 1-4

## Affirmation of Faith

In the dark before dawn,  
**we believe that God is alive.**  
In the midst of our grief,  
**we believe the Spirit is at work.**

In the chaos of our broken world,  
**we believe that love is on the loose.**  
For no stone could keep God at bay,  
**and no violence could keep God's love from us.**

So today we sing,  
**Alleluia!**

For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,  
**hope lives.**  
Christ has died,  
**and Christ has also risen.**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Special Music *Now the Green Blade Riseth*  
French Carol, arr. David Lanz

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Music Choir Anthem  
*He Lives* Allen Pote

## THE WORD

Scripture Luke 24:1-12

Children's Message

+Hymn *Christ Is Risen* UMH #307

Message "Still Rising"

## THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music

*Let Your Soul Now Be Filled With Gladness*  
John Ferguson

Offertory Liturgy

**God of grief and hope, we bring our gifts today with resurrection faith—trusting that you take what we offer, and use it to bring healing, joy, and new beginnings. Bless these gifts and bless us, that we may be witnesses to your risen love. Amen.**

+Hymn *Halleluia! Chorus* G.F. Handel  
(members of the congregation are invited to join the choir for the Halleluia! Chorus. Music will be provided)

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Benediction

Postlude *Toccata – Organ Symphony #5*  
Charles M. Widor

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Pastor Donna Dempewolf  
Philip Spensley, Reader  
Bob Henstein, Organist  
Kathy Szydlo, Handbell Choir Director  
Deborah Rae Miller, Adult Choir Director  
David Miller, Piano  
Elaine Boda, Cello

## 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](mailto: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](http://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 (5<sup>th</sup> grade and under)  
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesdays

3:30-5:30 pm – KC3 (K-5<sup>th</sup> 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

#### May 18

Rev. Howard White, A Path and Plan of Resolution  
Love, Tim Goodwin, educator, author, musician, climate witness.

Class: What Then Shall We Do? Panel discussion facilitated by Clay Oglesbee with Alan Anderson, Richard DeBeau, Howard White and others.

**The Church office will be closed Monday, April 21**

Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.



# Easter Sunday

## Everything [In] Between “Grief & Hope”

April 20, 2025  
9:30 am

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