

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*
James Biery

Greeting and Welcome Tim Goodwin

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship Tim Goodwin

O give thanks to our God who is good;
whose love endures forever.

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

mountains and valleys, big woods and
groundwater aquifers, wetlands and prairies:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Rivers and straits, bogs and fens, Great
Lakes and Boundary Waters:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Maples and firs, birch and cedars, mosses
and ferns:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Northern pike and brownie trout, deer and
fox, soaring bald eagles and cheering robins:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Immigrants and natives, women and men,
people who inhabit the Heartland:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Saints and martyrs and living creatures of
the biomes we call the Midwest:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Amen.

+Hymn

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

UMH #122 vs 1-4

Prayer and Lord's Prayer Kevin Dahle

... **We thank you that you have called us to
celebrate your creation. Give us reverence
for life in your world. We thank you for your
redeeming love; may your word and
sacrament strengthen us to love as you love
us.**

THE WORD

Scripture John 20:1-18 Kevin Merkle

Children's Message Kevin Dahle

+Hymn *In the Garden* UMH #314

Message "Hope Through Tears"
Rev. Dr. Kiara Jorgenson

THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music *A Little Hope in Time*
Tim Goodwin

Offertory Liturgy Kevin Dahle
**God of resurrection and renewal, as
spring awakens the earth and Easter fills
us with hope, we offer these gifts in
gratitude. Use them to heal creation and
bring new life to your world. Amen.**

+Hymn *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*
UMH #304

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Benediction Tim Goodwin
Go now with the risen Christ, who brings life
from death, hope from tears. May you walk
gently, love boldly, and care deeply for
creation and one another. Amen.

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
Healey Willan

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Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Kiara Jorgenson
Worship Leaders, Kevin Dahle, Tim Goodwin
Kevin Merkle, Reader
Joanne Rodland, Organist

INVITATION TO REFLECT

EXPERIENCE: Remember a time of intimate
connection with the beauty or power of
Creation.

KNOWLEDGE: What do we know about the
earth and our role in caring for creation as God
cares for us?

EMOTION: What emotions come to us as we
consider the way we have lived in the beauty and
goodness of the created Earth?

RESPONSE: What have you heard today, or
learned at other times, that gives you guidance
from our Faith on how one should live as a
Christian caring for creation in these times?

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)
Final Super Wednesday May 7th

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.



Caring for Creation “Hope through Tears”

April 27, 2025
9:30 am

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Devotion.



Compassion.
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