

# *May grace meet you here . . .*

## WELCOME

Prelude Handbell Anthem  
*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Kevin McChesney

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

The resurrection is a shock.  
We did not expect an empty tomb.  
Christ stands alive among us!  
**Alleluia! Surprise us, O God, with your  
grace.**

+Hymn

*Here I Am to Worship*  
(lyrics on screen)

Prayers of the People

Prayers of Confession

Proclamation of the Good News

The Lord's Prayer

## THE WORD

Scripture Zechariah 7:8-14  
Luke 9:57-62

Children's Message

+Hymn

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*  
TFWS #2190

Message

## THANKSGIVING

Offertory *For Everyone Born*  
Brian Mann  
arr. Tom Trenney

Offering Liturgy

All that we have is a gift, and we are  
grateful recipients of God's abundance.  
**Receive our offerings, O God: may our  
lives proclaim the good news of Jesus.**

+Hymn *I Will Trust in the Lord*  
UMH #464

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Benediction

Postlude *Song of Hope*

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Rev. Dana Houck  
Tracy Goodwin, Reader  
Kathy Szydlo, Handbell Choir Director  
NUMC Band:  
Rachel McIver Morey, Vocals  
Elaine Boda, Cello  
Nick Weaver, Guitar  
Tim Goodwin, Guitar  
David Miller, Piano  
Wendy Smith, Bass Guitar  
Dave Drentlaw, Drums

## 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.

Our pastors are:

Rachel McIver Morey and Jerad Morey.  
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  
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
10:00 am – Children's Church (5<sup>th</sup> grade and under)  
**Final Children's Church – May 5th**

### Wednesdays

3:30-5:30 pm – KC3 (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
5:30-6:30 pm – Super Wednesday meal  
6:15-7:15 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)  
6:30-7:30 pm – Open Gym (supervised)  
**Final Super Wednesday – May 1st**

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, May 12 – United Women in Faith Sunday**  
**Sunday, May 19 – Pastor Rachel and Pastor Jerad Farewell Reception following worship service.**  
**Monday, May 20, noon – Herald Newsletter Deadline, June/July combined issue**

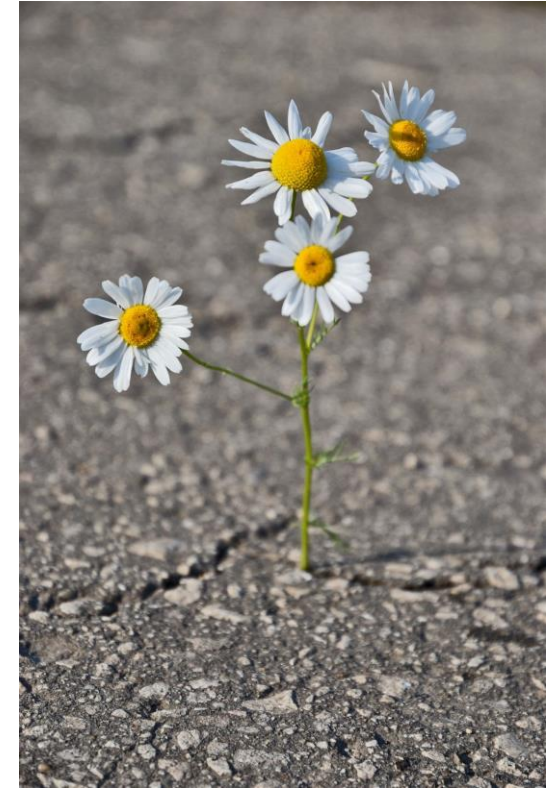
### Church office hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Friday, 9:00 am – noon  
**Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day, Church Office closed**

**Worship.  
Devotion.**



**Compassion.  
Justice.**



## Easter Season Series: Stories of Surprise

**April 28, 2024  
9:30 a.m.**

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