

# May grace meet you here . . .

## WELCOME

Prelude *March on Handel's Lift Up Your Heads*  
Alexandre Guilmant

Greeting and Welcome

+Call to Worship

What are you looking for?

**The light before dawn.**

What are you looking for?

**A reason to hope.**

What are you looking for?

**Joy after grief and flowers after winter.**

What are you looking for?

**A place to belong.**

What are you looking for?

**We are looking for the Messiah.**

Here is the Good news!

**Love is alive! Alleluia!**

+Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

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Affirmation of Faith

We believe in resurrection—

**mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet, like tulips after the snow: real.**

We believe in Easter morning—

**in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.**

We believe in Jesus—

**who calls us by name and asks,**

**“Who are you looking for?”**

So we look—

**for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.**

And as we look, we sing, “Alleluia!”

**Amen.**

Children's Message

## THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture John 20:1-18

+Hymn *Up from the Grave He Arose*

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Message Who are you looking for?

## THANKSGIVING

Offertory

Offertory Music Choir Anthem

*Gaudeamus Hodie – Let Us Rejoice Today*

Natalie Sleeth

Offertory Liturgy

**The risen Christ meets us in our seeking—not empty-handed, but full of grace. In gratitude for love stronger than death, we bring our gifts—our lives, our resources, our hope. May these offerings be signs of resurrection in a world longing for new life. Alleluia! Amen.**

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion Music *In Thee is Gladness*

David Cherwien

Prayer After Communion

**Risen Christ, we have seen you in the breaking of the bread. Send us now into the world to seek you in every face, to serve you in every neighbor, and to live as people of resurrection. Alleluia! Amen.**

+Hymn *Hallelujah Chorus*

(Lyrics and music on screen)

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Blessing

Postlude *Toccata from Organ Symphony #5*

Charles M. Widor

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor

Richard Waters, Reader

Bob Henstein, Organist

Deborah Rae Miller, Adult Choir Director

David Miller, Piano & Trumpet

Carl Behr, Trombone

Dave Drentlaw, Timpani

## 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  
Kristen Twitchell, Interim Youth Director  
Izel Thoele, Youth & Children's Intern  
Jane Dagher, Youth & Children's Intern  
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  
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
10:30 am – Adult Faith Formation

### Wednesdays

3:30 – 5:30 pm, (K-5<sup>th</sup>) Fun, Faith & Food Snack  
5:30-6:15 pm – Community Meal  
6:15 pm – Adult Choir  
6:30 pm – Handbell Choir  
6:30 pm – Youth Fellowship

### Upcoming Events

**Easter Brunch following worship today in Fellowship Hall, free will donation, proceeds benefit NUMC Youth program.**

**Women's Bible Study**, Tuesday, April 7, 9:00 am, room #120

**Mission Sewing**, Wednesday, April 8, 9:00, room #120

**Men's Breakfast**, Friday, April 10, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall

**UW Faith River Bluffs Area meeting**, Saturday, April 18, 8:30-2:00, NUMC, register with Thalia Duffield

**The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### Adult Faith Formation

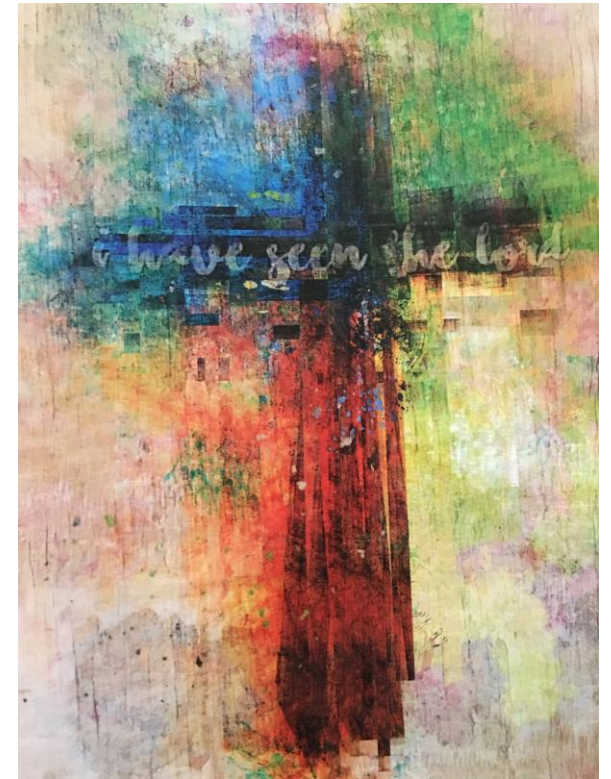
#### 4/12-5/3: Spirituality of Earth and Resurrection:

Four-week exploration of the unique person, spirituality and teachings of Hildegard of Bingen, a German Benedictine abbess, mystic, musician, early naturalist and holistic teacher. Led by Dr. Almut Furchert.

Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.



# Easter Sunday

Seeking | Who are you looking for?

**April 5, 2026**  
**9:30 am**

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