

# *May grace meet you here . . .*

## WELCOME

Prelude *Prelude in C Major* J.S. Bach

Greeting and Welcome

+Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

From a cloud, and in the midst of the crowd,  
God speaks to us—

**calling us to love justice and share hope with  
the broken.**

On mountaintops and in neighborhoods, Christ  
calls to us—

**with wonder, and a word that reorders our  
lives, shaping us into who we are becoming.**

On playgrounds and at workstations, the Spirit  
whispers in our hearts—

**emboldening us to love God and neighbor.**

Come, let us worship the God who meets us  
on the mountain

**and walks with us back down the trail—**

**as we stand on the threshold of Ash**

**Wednesday and Lent, aware of the trials and  
troubles of our days.**

+Hymn *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*  
UMH #521

Unison Prayer

**Holy One, we thank you that the imprint of  
your love is upon each of us—your beloved  
creation. As we learn more of you, we  
discover how we are called and reshaped for  
the work that is ours to do. Help us remember  
that we are transfigured people, deeply**

**loved, continually formed, as we seek  
wholeness for ourselves and your world.  
Amen.**

Children's Message

Handbell Choir Anthem

*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*  
arr. Mark S. Arnold

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

## THE WORD

Scripture  
Matthew 17:1-9

+Hymn *Holy Ground* TFWs #2272

Message *The Big Hike*

## THANKSGIVING

Offertory *Chant de Paix* Jean Langlais

Offertory Music

Offertory Liturgy

**God has invited us into this holy place. As we  
offer our gifts, may our faces reflect hope,  
our hearts reflect love, and our lives reflect  
the calling we have received as God's people.  
Amen.**

+Hymn *The Light Is Marching On*

Hezekiah Ben Shirnai  
(lyrics on screen)

Sung to *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*  
UMH #717

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Blessing

May the light you have glimpsed stay with you  
when the path grows steep.

May the voice you have heard  
continue to reorder your life.

Go from this place listening for God,  
walking with Christ,  
and carried by the Spirit—  
into the world God so loves.

Amen.

Postlude *Fugue* J.S. Bach

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor  
Richard Waters, Reader  
Agnes Barthel, Organist  
Kathy Szydlo, Handbell Choir Director

## 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

**Playtime for Toddlers**, Tuesdays through March 10,  
10:00-11:30 am, Gym

**Methodist Mile Walking**, Tuesday and Thursday  
through March 19, 1:30-4:00 pm

**Women's Bible Study**, Tuesday, February 17, 9:00  
am, room #120

**Facilities Meeting**, Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 pm,  
Library

**Ash Wednesday Service**, Wednesday, February 18,  
6:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Men's Breakfast**, Friday, February 20, 8:00 am,  
Fellowship Hall

### Adult Faith Formation

**2/15: (hosted by MICAH) Film: The Present**

We will screen the Oscar nominated film *The Present* and have a discussion.

**2/22-3/15: Morality Without Myths**

An invitation to clearer moral vision and greater self-honesty exploring common moral assumptions, what complicates them, and concluding with discernment practice. Led by Chuck Huff, PhD



## The Big Hike

**February 15, 2026**  
**9:30 am**

**Northfield United Methodist Church**

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Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.