

# *May grace meet you here . . .*

**WELCOME** – Please sign the black covered Friendship Pew Pad and pass down your row.

Prelude *As the Deer*  
Martin J. Nystrom, arr. Yohan Kim

Greeting and Welcome

+Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

In the heat of the day, Abraham welcomed strangers.

**And through that welcome, God’s promise drew near.**

Sarah laughed at the thought of new life.

**Hope can feel risky—even ridiculous.**

Yet God keeps opening futures we cannot yet imagine.

**For graduates, for weary hearts, for all of us beginning again—**

God invites us to make room, to welcome, and to step forward in faith.

**Let us worship God.**

+Hymn *Awesome God* TFWS #2040 (refrain)

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

+Hymn *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone*  
(lyrics on screen)  
Newton, Tomlin and Giglio

## **THE WORD**

Scripture Genesis 18:1-15

Message *When Hope Feels Ridiculous*

Senior Reflections Ryland Updike

## **THANKSGIVING**

MN Annual Conference Love Offering

Offertory

Offertory Music *Kum Bah Yah*  
African American Spiritual (Gullah)

Offertory Liturgy

**Generous God, receive these gifts and our lives alongside them. Use them to create spaces of welcome, encourage those beginning new journeys, and nurture courage when the future feels uncertain. May what we offer today become part of your renewing work in the world. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Come to this table—not because you have it all figured out, but because God welcomes us with grace. Here, weary hearts are nourished, strangers become neighbors, and grace is shared again. Come, for all things are ready.

Words of Institution

Invocation

**Come, Holy Spirit. Meet us in this bread and cup and in these ordinary lives of ours. Nourish us with grace, renew us for the journey ahead, and send us into the world in love. Amen.**

Communion Music *Down to the River to Pray*  
(lyrics on screen)

Prayer after Communion

**God of grace, thank you for meeting us at this table. Strengthen us for the journey ahead. May we go into the world with open hearts, courageous spirits, and renewed capacity to love and serve. Amen.**

+Hymn *Forever* (lyrics on screen)  
Chris Tomlin

## **BLESSING**

Postlude *Amazing Grace* arr. D. Miller

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## **Graduating Seniors**

Lily Holman  
Ryland Updike

Donna Dempewolf, Pastor  
Lily Holman, Reader  
Ryland Updike, Reader  
NUMC Band  
Jeff Wood, Vocals and Trombone  
Kristen Twitchell, Vocals  
Ava Podracky, Vocals  
Elaine Boda, Cello  
Tim Goodwin, Guitar and Harmonica  
David Miller, Piano

## 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  
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  
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
Children's Church will return in September

### Wednesdays

Super Wednesday will return in September

### Upcoming Events

**Esther Circle**, Monday, June 8, 1:00 pm, Kildahl

**Pub Theology**, Monday June 8, 6:30-8:00 pm, Chapel Brewing, Dundas

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

**Mission Sewing**, Wednesday, June 10, 9:00, room #120

**NUMC Board Mtg.**, Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 pm, Library

**Church Conference**, Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 pm Reception Room. Elect church leadership.

**Men's Breakfast**, Friday, June 12, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall

**Coffee at the Parsonage**, Sunday, June 14, following worship

**Annual Conference**, June 16-18, St. Cloud

**Community Art Exhibit** –We invite you to contribute artwork—painting, drawing, stained glass, mosaics, quilting, and more—for display throughout the month of June. Drop off your artwork in the church office.

### Church Softball Schedule

June 7, 6:00 pm, Sechler 2, NUMC vs Life 21  
June 14, 7:10 pm, Sechler 1, NUMC vs St. Dominic  
June 14, 8:20 pm, Sechler 1, NUMC vs River Valley  
June 21, 6:00 pm, Sechler 1, NUMC vs Hosanna  
June 28, 8:20 pm, Sechler 1, NUMC vs St. Dominic

Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.



## Graduation Sunday

June 7, 2026  
9:30 am

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