

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *Jesus Calls Us* Emma Lou Diemer

Greeting and Welcome

+Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?

Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?

If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house.

Hope lives here.

So, come. Rest your weary bones.

Let us worship Holy God.

+Hymn *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
TFWS #2158

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling. I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost. I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity. Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you. Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for

allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

THE WORD

Children's Message

Reflections Izel Thoele

Special Music Handbell Anthem
Were You There? arr. Ron Mallory

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 11:38-44

+Hymn *When I Survey the Wonderous Cross*
UMH #298

Message Seeking | Can these bones live?

THANKSGIVING

Mission Moment MN Food Share

Offertory

Offertory Music *When I Raise You Up*
Tim Goodwin

Offertory Liturgy

God of life, you stood at Lazarus's tomb and called him back into the light. Take these gifts—ordinary, honest, given with hope. Use them to roll away stones, to untie what binds, and to bring new life where things feel stuck or worn down. Amen.

+Hymn *Lord of the Dance* UMH #261

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Benediction

Postlude *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* J.S. Bach

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor
Mary Twitchell, Reader
Joanne Rodland, Organist
Kathy Szydlo, Handbell Choir Director
Tim Goodwin, Special Music

Lenten Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29, 9:30 am

Holy Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 3, 6:30 pm

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4, 1:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5, 9:30 am

Easter Brunch following worship

Easter Flower Orders

Place your Easter flower order by filling out the order form found in the Herald Newsletter or on the table in the hallway outside the Sanctuary and return to the church office with payment by Wednesday, March 25th.

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
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.
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-5th) 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
No Super Wednesday March 25th (Spring Break)

Upcoming Events

Herald Newsletter Deadline, Monday, March 23,
noon

Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, March 24, 9:00 am,
room #120

Mission Sewing, Wednesday, March 25, 9:00, room
#120

Men's Breakfast, Friday, March 27, 8:00 am,
Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday Faith Action, March 29, 2:00 pm, St.
Paul. Join thousands of Christians on Palm Sunday
to celebrate the call of our faith to love our
neighbors. Visit palmsunday2026.com to learn
more or contact Mary Lynn Oglesbee at
mlonorthfield@gmail.com.

Adult Faith Formation

3/22: Haiti Partnership, led by Mary Twitchell

3/29: Operation Classroom, led by Lorie McBride

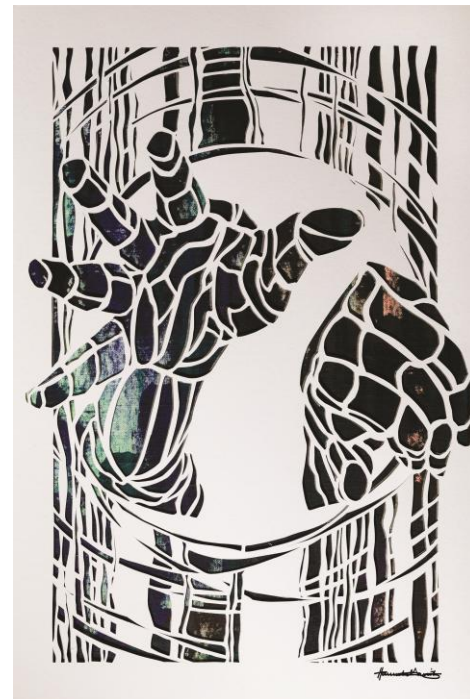
4/12-5/3: Spirituality of Earth and Resurrection.

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.



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March 22, 2026
9:30 am

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