

# May grace meet you here . . .

## WELCOME

Prelude *My Heart Is Filled With Longing*  
Johannes Brahms

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Worship is a place to rest.

**We breathe deeply here.**

We still our aching bones.

**We sit in the quiet.**

We surround ourselves with music.

**Worship is a place to rest.**

Worship is a place to grow.

**We listen for God's word.**

We invite it to challenge us.

**We lean in with curiosity.**

We ask questions.

**Worship is a place to grow.**

So come into this space.

Come rest and grow here.

**For where two or more are gathered,  
God is always there.**

Let us worship our gracious God.

+Hymn *As the Deer* TFWS #2025

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

There are days when we fail to rest.

**We stretch ourselves too thin. We say  
"yes" to every invitation.**

**We run a million miles a minute. We ignore  
your command to rest.**

There are also days when we fail to act.

**We wait for someone else. We take the easy  
road. We find excuses and justify our  
inaction.**

God, forgive our imbalance.

**Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly.  
Show us how to do the same. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, I have good news! Our God  
does not keep score. Our God does not hold  
grudges. Our God does not assume the worst  
about us. No, our God offers grace, and  
endless second chances, and boundless love.  
So join me in proclaiming the good news of  
the gospel:

**God's grace is deeper than the ocean. God's  
love is wider than the sky. We are seen. We  
are claimed. We are forgiven. May this  
realization change and inspire us. Thanks be  
to God! Amen.**

Special Music Handbell Anthem

*Dona Nobis Pacem* arr. Dale Jergenson

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

## THE WORD

Scripture Luke 13:6-9

Children's Message

+Hymn *It Is Well with My Soul*

UMH #377 vs 1-3

Message "Rest and Growth"

## THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*

Offertory Liturgy

**Holy and nurturing God, you tend our souls with  
care, inviting us into rhythms of rest and  
growth. As we offer our gifts, may they be used  
to cultivate justice, nourish community, and  
extend your love. Bless us to bear fruit that  
reflects your kingdom come—fruits of  
compassion and courage. Amen.**

+Hymn *You Are the Seed* UMH #583

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Benediction

Postlude *O World, I Must Leave You*

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Pastor Donna Dempewolf  
Philip Spensley, Reader  
Joanne Rodland, 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  
Gregory Ennis, Children's Ministry  
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  
9:40 am – Children's Church (5<sup>th</sup> grade and under)  
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesdays

3:30-5:30 pm – KC3 (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
5:30-6:15 pm – Super Wednesday meal  
6:15 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)  
**No Super Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> (Spring break)**

### Upcoming Events

**The Final Days: A Lenten Journey through the Gospels**, each Sunday, March 9 - April 13, 10:45 am in the Reception Room

**April Herald Newsletter Deadline**, Monday, March 24, noon

**Women's Bible Study**, Tuesday, March 25, 9:00 am, room #120

**Men's Breakfast**, Friday, March 28, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall

**Caring for Creation: What Then Shall We Do?** Each Sunday, April 27-May 18, 10:45 am, Reception Room

### Lenten Schedule

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**, Sunday, April 13, 9:30 am, Children's sing during service

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**, Thursday, April 17, 6:30 pm, Holy Communion and Foot/Hand Washing in the Fellowship Hall

**GOOD FRIDAY**, Friday, April 18, 6:30 pm, Service of Tenebrae

**COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**, Saturday, April 19, 1:00 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**, Sunday, April 20, 9:30 am, Easter Brunch following service in Fellowship Hall

**The Church office will be closed Monday, April 21**

Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.



## Everything [In] Between Rest & Growth

March 23, 2025  
9:30 am

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