

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *Adagio (First Sonata)*
Felix Mendelssohn

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Our God is a shepherding God.

Our God knows us by name.

Our God will never stop searching for us.

So if you feel lost,

then know that God is seeking you.

If you feel found,

then know that God will never leave.

This is the promise of scripture.

This is the promise of God's love.

Let us worship our with-us God.

+Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
UMH #400

Prayers

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

If God is a painter,

let us be the brush.

If God is a musician,

let us be the song.

If God is an architect,

let us be the tools.

Let us be the hands.

Let us be the builders.

But if God is a shepherd,

who never stops seeking,
let us be willing to be found,
no matter how lost we feel.

Our God is never far away.

Forgive us for forgetting this good news.
Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found. We grumble. We push back.

We doubt God. We doubt ourselves. We

leave the flock and lose our way. But

fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding

God who is always by our side.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

No matter how far we wander, we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Special Music *Singing Bowl*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

THE WORD

Scripture Luke 15:1-7

Children's Message

+Hymn *Amazing Grace* UMH #378 vs 1-3

Message "Lost & Found"

THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

William Doane, arr. Hayes

Offertory Liturgy

Ever-seeking God, you reach beyond our conceptions and categories to widen our circle of belonging. Bless what we give and how we give, that our generosity might reflect your radical grace—a grace that welcomes, restores, and celebrates every person as beloved. Amen.

+Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This*

UMH #292

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Benediction

Postlude *Psalm XVIII (I Will Praise Thee)*
Benedetto Marcello

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Pastor Donna Dempewolf

Mary Twitchell, Reader

Donna Paulsen, Organist

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
Gregory Ennis, Children's Ministry
Kristen Twitchell, Interim Youth Director
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 (5th grade and under)
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

3:30-5:30 pm – KC3 (K-5th 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 (6th-12th grade)

Upcoming Events

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

Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, April 1, 9:00 am, room #120

Streamdesk Training, Wednesday, April 2, 5:00 pm

Men's Breakfast, Friday, April 4, 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

EASTER BRUNCH EGG BAKE DONATIONS NEEDED! Email youth@northfieldumc.org to donate.

The Church office will be closed Monday, April 21

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



Everything [In] Between Lost & Found

March 30, 2025
9:30 am

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