

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *Icarus* Ralph Towner

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Come, people of the Spirit—You who seek renewal, purpose, and love.

We come to be born from above; to follow where the Spirit leads.

Come, followers of Christ—You who ask, *What then shall we do?*

We come to love as Christ has loved; with courage, care, and compassion.

Come, caretakers of creation—You who long to tend the earth with hope.

We come to worship the One who makes all things new. Let us love boldly and live faithfully.

+Hymn *Woke Up This Morning*
TFWS #2082

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Special Music Handbell Anthem
Peal Con Brio Karen Thompson

THE WORD

Scripture

John 3:6-7

John 13:34-35

Genesis 1:27-28

Children's Message

+Hymn *They'll Know We are Christians*
TFWS #2223

Message "A Path and Plan of Resolute Love"

+Hymn
Blue Boat Home (lyrics on screen)

THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music
We Rise Tim Goodwin

Offertory Liturgy

Spirit of Life, you call us to love as Christ loved, to care for your creation, and to live our faith with courage. So we ask, *What then shall we do?* And you answer: Love. Serve. Give. Tend. Receive these gifts as signs of our resolve—to follow your Way, for the sake of the world you so love. Amen.

+Hymn *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*
(lyrics on screen)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Benediction

Postlude *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor
Rev. Howard White, Guest Preacher
Kerry Cipra, Reader
NUMC Band:
Kristen Twitchell, Vocals
Jeff Wood, Vocals and Trombone
Wendy Smith, Flute and Guitar
Nick Weaver, Guitar
Tim Goodwin, Guitar
David Miller, Piano
Mike Legvold, Bass Guitar
Dave Drentlaw, Drums

INVITATION TO REFLECT

EXPERIENCE: Remember a time of intimate connection with the beauty or power of Creation.

KNOWLEDGE: What do we know about the earth and our role in caring for creation as God cares for us?

EMOTION: What emotions come to us as we consider the way we have lived in the beauty and goodness of the created Earth?

RESPONSE: What have you heard today, or learned at other times, that gives you guidance from our Faith on how one should live as a Christian caring for creation in these times?

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
Final Children's Church May 18th until fall

Upcoming Events

Church Softball, Sunday, May 18, 8:10 pm, Babcock, NUMC vs Emmaus
Mugs and Muffins, Monday, May 19, 9:00 am, room #120
Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, May 20, 9:00 am, room #120
Coffee with the Pastor, Tuesday, May 20, 1:00-2:30 pm, HideAway Coffeehouse
Card Making, Tuesday, May 20, 2:30 pm, room #120
Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 pm, Library
Men's Breakfast, Friday, May 16, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall
End of School Year Youth Bonfire, Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 pm
Graduation Sunday, June 1, 9:30 am, celebrate our High School Seniors during worship.

Caring For Creation Series Schedule

Worship 9:30 am, Class 10:30 am

May 18 - Rev. Howard White, A Path and Plan of Resolute Love; Tim Goodwin, educator, author, musician, climate witness.
Class: What Then Shall We Do? Panel discussion facilitated by Clay Oglesbee with Alan Anderson, Richard DeBeau, Howard White and others.

Church office hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – noon
Closed on Friday beginning May 30

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



Caring for Creation

“A Path and Plan of Resolute Love”

May 18, 2025
9:30 am

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