

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
17th Century English Melody

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship
Come, beloved of God—we gather to embody the Beloved Community: where all are welcomed, abundance is shared, and all may flourish.

We resist the world's wisdom that says “store up more,” and embrace Christ's call to “be rich toward God.”

Here, the hungry are fed, the weary find rest, and strangers become friends.

All: Let us worship the Lord who makes us one and calls us into Beloved Community.

+Hymn *Come All You People* TFWS #2274

United Methodist Social Creed Litany
God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace
to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference,

favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor, demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free. And so shall we.

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

THE WORD

Scripture Luke 12:13-21

+Hymn *God of Wonders* (lyrics on screen)

Message “Monopoly”

THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
Miller and Jackson

Offertory Liturgy
Generous God, we offer these gifts as signs of love and hope. Use them—and us—to build your Beloved Community, where justice and compassion flourish. Amen.

+Hymn *Over My Head* TFWS #2148

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Blessing

Postlude *All Around Me!* Tribble

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor
Kevin Merkle, Reader
NUMC Band
Kristen Twitchell, Vocals
Hezekiah Ben Shirnai, Vocals and Mandolin
Wendy Smith, Flute and Guitar
David Miller, Piano
Mike Legvold, Bass Guitar
Dave Drentlaw, Drums

Creation Care Step - Week of September 21:
76% of top climate scientists say one of the most powerful actions is supporting leaders who back strong climate measures. Learn who your leaders are—local to national—and contact them regularly about your climate concerns.

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 &
Interim 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
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall
10:30 am – Adult Forum

Wednesdays

3:30 – 5:30 pm, (K-5th Grade) Fun, Faith & Food
Snack
5:30-6:15 pm – Community Meal
6:15 pm – Adult Choir (beginning October 29)
6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
6:30 pm – Youth Fellowship

Upcoming Events

Herald Newsletter Deadline, Monday, September 22, noon

Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, September 23,
9:00 am, room #120

Men's Breakfast, Friday, September 19, 8:00 am,
Fellowship Hall

UWF Soul Care – Ladies Day Apart, Saturday,
September 27, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall

MICAH Fundraiser, Saturday, October 4, 6:00 am –
2:00 pm, Brick Oven Bakery

Adult Formation

The Revised Social Principles, Facilitator: Clay
Oglesbee, 10:30 Reception Room

9/21 – The Community of All Creation
9/28 – The Economic Community
10/5 – The Political Community
10/12 – The Social Community



Upside Down | Parables of Jesus

September 21, 2025
9:30 am

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Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.