

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *Hyfrydol* arr. Craig Phillips
(Come Thou Long Expected Jesus!)

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Come, people of God—rich and poor, weary and hopeful.

We gather around Christ's cross, where all find a place.

God's economy turns the world upside down—scarcity into abundance, outsiders into friends.

Let us worship the One who lifts the lowly and calls us to live in justice and love.

+Hymn *Blessed Assurance* UMH #369

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.

Special Music Handbell Anthem
Gratitude Alex Guebert

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

THE WORD

Scripture Luke 16:19-31

+Hymn *As the Deer* TFWS #2025
(second verse on screen)

Message *Upside Down Economics*

Mission Moment

World Communion Sunday Special Offering

THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music *Nettleton* arr. Craig Phillips
(Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

Offertory Liturgy

All that we have is entrusted to us by God—our gifts, our time, even our shared ministries.

We give not to preserve what is comfortable, but to join God's work of justice and mercy.

As we offer our resources, we also offer our wisdom, our compassion, and our willingness to grow.

Receive these gifts, O God. Shape us as stewards of your upside-down economy, where generosity creates abundance and love makes room for all.

+Hymn *This Is My Father's World* UMH #144

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Blessing

Postlude *Engelberg* arr. Craig Phillips
(When in Our Music God is Glorified)

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor
Philip Spensley, Reader
Joanne Rodland, Organist
Kathy Syzdlo, Handbell Choir Director

Creation Care Step - Week of September 28:

Choose reusable options instead of bottled water to reduce plastic waste, conserve resources and reduce your environmental impact.

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

Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, September 30,

9:00 am, room #120

Isaiah Mtg, Wednesday, October 1, 11:00 am,
Fellowship Hall

Men's Breakfast, Friday, October 3, 8:00 am,
Fellowship Hall

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

World Communion Sunday, October 5

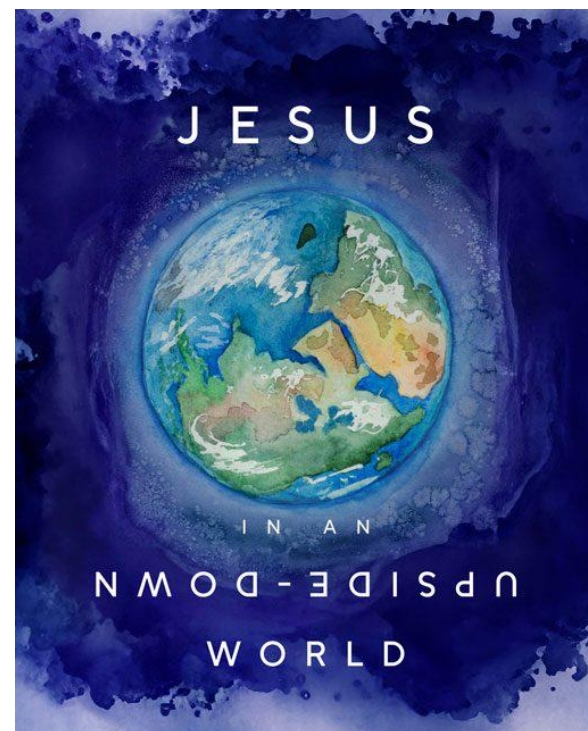
Adult Formation

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

9/28 – The Economic Community

10/5 – The Political Community

10/12 – The Social Community



Upside Down | Parables of Jesus

September 28, 2025
9:30 am

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Worship.
Devotion.



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