



Special Online Worship Service
March 15, 2020 – 9:30am
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Gathering Music “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” by Delirious
“Prepare Ye” by Stephen Schwartz, from *Godspell*

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Opening Hymn “Gather Us In” by Marty Haugen Living Waters Band

1. Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

3. Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

Prayer of Confession UM Book of Worship #482 Rev. Hope Hutchison

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of the Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with Almighty God and the Holy Spirit. Hear now our silent prayer to you...

Words of Assurance UM Book of Worship #500 Rev. Hope Hutchison

O God, that we may receive your blessing, touch our brows, touch our heads, and do not look upon us in anger. In a hard year, offer us mercy; in a year of affliction, offer us kindness; Dark spirits banish from us, bright spirits bring close to us; Gray spirits put away from us, good spirits draw near to us. When we are afraid, offer us courage; When we are ashamed, be our true face; Be over us like a blanket, be under us like a bed of furs. Amen.

Please greet each other with a touch-free sign of peace.

Parents and guardians, find resources for your children at richfieldumc.org/children.

Psalm 23 (KJV)

Psalter – UM Hymnal #754

Psalm 23

Ps. 23:1
Joseph Gelineau

RESPONSE 1 (*Lent, Christ the King & General*)

My shep-herd is the Lord, noth-ing in-deed shall I want.

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¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. R

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. R

Scripture I Acts 19:28-32, 39-41 (NRSV)

²⁸ [When the people heard an argument about authority], they were enraged and shouted, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" ²⁹ The city was filled with the confusion; and people rushed together to the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's travel companions. ³⁰ Paul wished to go into the crowd, but the disciples would not let him; ³¹ even some officials of the province of Asia, who were friendly to him, sent him a message urging him not to venture into the theater. ³² Meanwhile, some were shouting one thing, some another; for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together.

³⁹ [After witnessing the clamor, the town clerk quieted the crowd and added,] "If there is anything further you want to know, it must be settled in the regular assembly. ⁴⁰ For we are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion." ⁴¹ When he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.

Scripture II Ephesians 3:14-21 (NRSV)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before [Almighty God] ¹⁵ from whom every family^[b] in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "God, Give Us Humility" Rev. Nate Melcher

Song "All Good Gifts" by Stephen Schwartz from *Godspell*

1. We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land
But it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand
He sends us snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain
The breezes and the sunshine
and soft refreshing rain
All good gifts around us,
are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord
for all His love

2. We thank Thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good
The seed time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food
No gifts have we to offer
for all Thy love imparts
But that which Thou desirest,
our humble thankful hearts
All good gifts around us,
are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord
for all His love

The LORD'S Prayer

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Conflux Candles and Moments of Hope

Benediction

...and until we meet again, let us live in...

faith, justice, and joy! Amen!

Sending Music

“Namaste” by The Kennedys

Announcements:

- Pat Marble peacefully passed away on March 12. A memorial is scheduled for March 27, with visitation at 10:00am, services at 11:00am and a luncheon at 12:00pm. Unpaid servants are needed for hospitality. Please contact the church office or Clarice Lien.
- Families Moving Forward – Beacon Interfaith Housing is sending families to motels for March and April. We are responsible to provide meals during our week of March 29-April 4 and you're encouraged to donate to Beacon to help offset motel costs.
- God's Hands – This is closed the next two Saturdays. No donations, please.
- Your generous giving continues to matter in the life of your church. If you want to give and it's challenging in this climate to get to campus, you do have options. You can always give electronically at richfieldumc.org/give or contact Kathy Gertsema, Business & Administration Coordinator: 612.861.6086. You can also ask your bank if they offer a “BillPay” option, an electronic check sent via USPS. Many banks do this free and cover postage, and thank you.

Worship Team:

Musicians – Greg Locke (guitar), Devon Olson (bass), Victor Zupanc (keys and vocals)

Liturgy – Rev. Hope Hutchison and Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech – TY Moore and Dale Olson

Building – Pat Noonan

Thank you for worshiping as Richfield United Methodist Church. We hope you had a good experience.

We hope to be able to livestream a worship experience on March 22, 2020. Let's stay in contact! Please check richfieldumc.org, your email, and social media for updates. You can sign up for our Constant Contact email list: richfieldumc.org/signup.