



April 5, 2020 at 9:30am - Palm Sunday  
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(bold = in unison)

## ENTRANCE

Prelude	Toccata on “All Glory Laud and Honor”	M. Burkhardt
Welcome		Rev. Nate Melcher
Hymn	“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”	UMH 280
	Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.	
	1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]	
	2. The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply. [Refrain]	
Prayer of Confession	UM Book of Worship #491	Rev. Hope Hutchison
	<b>We are reluctant, O Author of Love, to set aside our hurt, our anger, our disappointment. Heal us with you tender touch, that we might be cleansed of all unclean thoughts, all schemes of revenge, all hope of vindictive retribution. Open our eyes to the power of love, shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. And now hear our silent prayers.</b>	
Words of Assurance		

Time with Children

Sharing the Peace

May the peace of God be with you.  
And also with you.

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

Anthem

“The Palms”  
Paige Armstrong, soloist

G. Fauré

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture

Acts of the Apostles 20:32-38, Ephesians 6:10-17

Acts of the Apostles 20:32-38 (NRSV)

Paul said, “And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

Ephesians 6:10-17 (NRSV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of temptation. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Sermon

“God, give us strength.”

Rev. Nate Melcher

## THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Communion

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.

Receiving the Sacrament

*There is no barrier between you and the table.  
All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.*

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

*Your gift today at [richfieldumc.org/give](http://richfieldumc.org/give) supports the ministry,  
outreach, and operations of Richfield UMC, and thank you.*

Music for Communion and Offering Our Gifts

Hymn

[“To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord”](#)

UMH 285

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

## SENDING FORTH

Solo

“Give Me Jesus”  
Paige Armstrong, soloist

Fleming

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Benediction

...And until we meet again, let us live...  
in faith, justice, and joy! Amen.



Thank you for worshipping as Richfield United Methodist Church.  
We hope you had a good experience. Stay safe, strong, and connected.

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**Online Worship Team:**

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Paige Armstrong

Liturgy: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: TY Moore, Dale Olson

Your Guide to Online Worship as Richfield United Methodist Church		
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<p><b>Conflux Candles</b> Be careful as you light your candle or lamp during worship. <a href="http://richfieldumc.org/candles">richfieldumc.org/candles</a></p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b> This sacrament for all people is celebrated online on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays. <a href="http://richfieldumc.org/worship">richfieldumc.org/worship</a></p>	<p><b>Feedback</b> Your loving feedback about online worship is appreciated. <a href="mailto:nmelcher@richfieldumc.org">nmelcher@richfieldumc.org</a></p>

## Community Joys and Concerns

Today and throughout this week you are invited to pray for:

- People in need of a loving church.
- Openness to the “conflux moments” of experiencing God.
- The spiritual journey of our church and all the churches in our MCCI Cohort: Brooklyn UMC, Camphor Memorial UMC (St. Paul), Coon Rapids UMC, First UMC (Austin), First UMC (Windom), and Southern Hills UMC (Sioux Falls).
- The spiritual journey of students and staff of these crucial campus ministries now in diaspora: The Wesley Foundation at the University of Minnesota, The Wesley Center for Spirituality, Service, and Social Justice at Hamline University, The Wesley Foundation at Minnesota State University, Mankato, The United Campus Ministry at University of Minnesota, Duluth
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- Our denomination and the long-reaching ramifications, including the continued harm to LGBTQIA+ people, in the wake of the postponement of General Conference 2020.
- Worldwide calm, cooperation, and creativity regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. May we come together as governments, scientific bodies, health industries, houses of worship, and as a united human race through the pains of birthing a new worldwide resurrection.
- The vulnerable, the afraid, and the lonely in our time of distancing and isolation.
- The first responders, the helpers, and the caregivers who are on the front lines for all of us.
- The people experiencing changing employment, housing, income, and other devastating situations in our current climate.
- The people who suffer waves of trauma and grief in our current world reality.
- Our neighbors near and our neighbors far - all beloved children of God.
- Every precious moment of Easter, every blessed moment of hope, every meaningful moment with God.
- The children.

### Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marybeth Stull, Maxene Schwanke, James Wegscheid, Olive Saldana, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Jen Pacyga, Inez Gustafson, Bonnie Freese, Pat Robertson, and Bill T., relative of Michele Wegscheid.

### Prayers for Comfort:

Jan Hansen, Gunilla Arlinger, Fern Albertson’s Swedish sister, Bob Gillespie, and all those in hospice and their families.

### Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

The family on the death of Patricia Marble who died March 12. Service arrangements will be announced at a later date.

The family and friends of Kay Hann who died on March 18. Service arrangements will be announced at a later date.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

#### **Maundy Thursday** – Thursday, April 9, Online Worship at 7:00 pm

This is the night we remember Jesus sharing in the Last Supper with the Apostles and the giving of a “new commandment.” This year we will perform a handwashing ritual and share a Love Feast. Please have water and soap, a wet wash cloth, or other washing items nearby. Additionally we will share a Love Feast. Please have breads, light sweets, or similar items to share with loved ones present and in spirit.

#### **Good Friday** – Friday, April 10, Online Worship at 7:00 pm

This is the darkest night of the Christian year. The pastor and musicians lead us in scripture, message, song through a reflection upon the death of Christ. That evening we remember the pain of loss in our lives. But we also conclude worship with an eye towards Easter morning.

#### **Easter Day** - Sunday, April 12 - Online Worship at 9:30 am

Celebrate the risen Christ online with brass, organ, scripture, and song.

### **DRIVE-THRU JOY- *Subject to change; as safety permits!***

#### **Saturday, April 11 at 10:00am-11:30am**

You are invited, as safety permits, to come to campus and “drive-thru” for joy! Member and neighborhood families with young children can take an Easter Egg Hunt Take-Home Kit. Additionally, member families can take home any of the following:

- A disinfected hymnal (must “check out” to be returned)
- A Breakthrough Prayer card
- A vintage brochure about the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary
- An individual single-serve communion cup (limit 2 per person)

Our hope is these items from your church will bring you joy and enhance your online worship experience. Please check your latest email messages about this event to make sure it’s still happening before you drive to campus. We are planning on this now and don’t know what’s in store for our state for safety, thank you.

### ONGOING

- Campus is closed on Sundays and Saturdays until further notice.
- God’s Hands is closed until further notice. No donations at this time, thank you.
- The office is closed on Mondays-Fridays at least through April 10 and voicemail has an updated contact message, if you call. You can still reach out to paid staff by email.
- Rev. Nate Melcher is hosting a weekly variety show called “Camp Meetings” on Facebook Live. Experience music, prayer, comedy, and guests at [facebook.com/richfieldunitedmethodistchurch](https://www.facebook.com/richfieldunitedmethodistchurch).
- Rev. Hope Hutchison is hosting Bible story videos for families with children. Due to curriculum copyright, these videos are by invite only. Get on the list: [hhutchison@richfieldumc.org](mailto:hhutchison@richfieldumc.org).
- Garret Johnson has online devotionals for youth. Get on the list: [gjohnson@richfieldumc.org](mailto:gjohnson@richfieldumc.org).
- If you need pastoral care, please contact Kay Bergeland at [kbergeland@richfieldumc.org](mailto:kbergeland@richfieldumc.org).
- Your generous giving makes an impact in the life of your church in these unprecedented times. You can give online at [richfieldumc.org/give](https://richfieldumc.org/give) or you can contact Kathy Gertsema, Business and Administration Coordinator, for options at [kgertsema@richfieldumc.org](mailto:kgertsema@richfieldumc.org).
- Call each other. Email each other. Pray with and for each other. It is time to connect, friends.

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