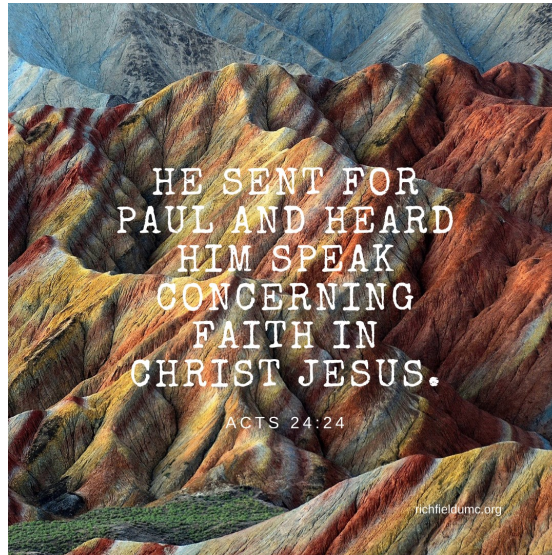




May 10, 2020 at 9:30am - 5th Sunday of Easter
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(bold = in unison)

ENTRANCE

Gathering Music	“Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring”	J. S. Bach
Welcome		Rev. Nate Melcher
Opening Song	“ <u>How Can We Name a Love</u> ” Vs. 1 and 2	UMH No. 111

Morning Prayer and Lighting Our Conflux Candles

Eternal God, you are the power behind all things: behind the energy of the storm, behind the heat of a million suns. Eternal God, you are the power behind all minds; behind the ability to think and reason, behind all understanding of the truth. Eternal God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ: behind the weakness, the torture, and the death, behind unconquerable love. Eternal God, we worship and adore you. Amen.

Time with Children Rev. Hope Hutchinson

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.

Solo	“Inscription of Hope” Paige Armstrong, soloist	Z. Randall Stroope
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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture

[Acts of the Apostles 24:24-27, 25:8-12](#) (NRSV)

Some days later when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him speak concerning faith in Christ Jesus. And as he discussed justice, self-control, and the coming judgment, Felix became frightened and said, “Go away for the present; when I have an opportunity, I will send for you.” At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul, and for that reason he used to send for him very often and converse with him.

After two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and since he wanted to grant the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

Paul said in his defense, “I have in no way committed an offense against the law of the Jews, or against the temple, or against the emperor.” But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, asked Paul, “Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and be tried there before me on these charges?” Paul said, “I am appealing to the emperor’s tribunal; this is where I should be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you very well know. Now if I am in the wrong and have committed something for which I deserve to die, I am not trying to escape death; but if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can turn me over to them. I appeal to the emperor.” Then Festus, after he had conferred with his council, replied, “You have appealed to the emperor; to the emperor you will go.”

Scripture

[Romans 8:38-39](#) (NRSV)

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon

“Every Chain I Break”

Rev. Nate Melcher

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

Your gift today at richfieldumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of Richfield UMC, and thank you.

Offertory

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”
Paige Armstrong, soloist

J. Ylvisaker

Doxology

UMH No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Gratitude

Gracious Lord, we believe in the amazing gift of your son. We share this offering with the unceasing prayer that your work in this world will spring up and break forth in all corners of this global community. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

A Mother's Day Prayer for All Women

Response:
Your mercy is great.

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.

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Closing Song

["My Life Flows On"](#)
Vs. 1

TFWS No. 2212

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

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

Travelling Music

"Stand By Me"

by Ben E. King



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We hope you had a good experience. Stay safe, strong, and connected.

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Online Worship Team:

Musicians - Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer
Liturgist - Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher
Tech - TY Moore, Dale Olson

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<p>Conflux Candles Be careful as you light your candle or lamp during worship. richfieldumc.org/candles</p>	<p>Holy Communion This sacrament for all people is celebrated online on 1st Sundays. richfieldumc.org/worship</p>	<p>Feedback Your loving feedback about online worship is appreciated. nmelcher@richfieldumc.org</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 fellow MCCI church, First UMC: Windom.
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- The future of the United Methodist Church as General Conference is postponed.
- Our community partners such as VEAP and Beacon Interfaith Housing.
- Small businesses and organizations in the midst of struggle.
- Our elected and appointed officials to be partners and form a team.
- All who face the challenges of inequities, poverty, loneliness, racism, complex family systems, toxic politics, and all the other pressing issues that are being amplified by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Glimpses of resurrection!
- The children.

Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marybeth Stull, Maxene Schwanke, James Wegscheid, Olive Saldana, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Inez Gustafson, Bonnie Freese, Bill T., relative of Michele Wegscheid, Sandra Williams and Sharon Morrow.

Prayers for Comfort:

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

Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

The families and friends of Marilyn Sampson who died on April 24. Service arrangements pending.

Announcements - Be Part of Designing Worship:

We want you to help design worship for the coming weeks ahead. Please look to these “Call to Action” opportunities and submit your ideas and content to Pastor Nate at nmelcher@richfieldumc.org. Watch the deadlines, and thanks!

1. **Faith Questions (DEADLINE TODAY!):** Submit your question(s) about God, faith, church, and life for our summer worship series, “So Many Questions!” We are blessed to be a church where questions are welcome. Email Pastor Nate today.
2. **The LORD’s Prayer:** Submit a video of you reciting The LORD’s Prayer we can use in worship on May 24. Email Pastor Nate by May 17.
3. **Pentecost Prayers:** Submit your 1-2 sentence conflux moment to be read in worship for Pentecost Sunday on May 31. Email Pastor Nate by May 24.

Announcements - Community Connections:

- Brené Brown Study, Saturdays, 10:30am. Contact [Gail Johnson](#).
- Women’s Bible Study, Tuesdays at 9:30am. Contact [Molly Recko](#).
- Men’s Bible Study, Wednesdays at 9:00am. Contact [Kent Johnson](#).
- **NEW:** Men’s Support Group, Saturdays at 8:30am. Contact [Kent Johnson](#).
- Children’s Ministry, original public content and invitation-only curriculum due to copyright. Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#).
- Youth Group, Sundays and Wednesdays. Contact [Garrett Johnson](#).
- Pastor Care, by phone or electronically. Contact [Kay Bergeland](#).
- “Camp Meetings” Live Variety Show with Rev. Nate Melcher, music, comedy, and guests, Wednesdays at 8:30pm at [Facebook Live](#) (if we have tech difficulties, we’ll switch over to [YouTube](#), thank you!). This week’s guest is Professor Matt Skinner of Luther Seminary to discuss Acts of the Apostles and today’s church.
- Please keep reaching out to one another, it matters!

Announcements - Campus and Administration:

- In-person worship and gatherings are suspended through May 31.
- 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 May 18. You can still reach out by phone and also to paid staff by email.
- Caring for Children Early Learning Center has a limited number of openings for families with essential workers. Contact [Catherine Mahler](#).
- If you have church communications needs, contact [Linda Schmidt](#).
- Your generous giving matters for your church in these unprecedented times. Please give online at richfieldumc.org/give or contact [Kathy Gertsema](#).

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