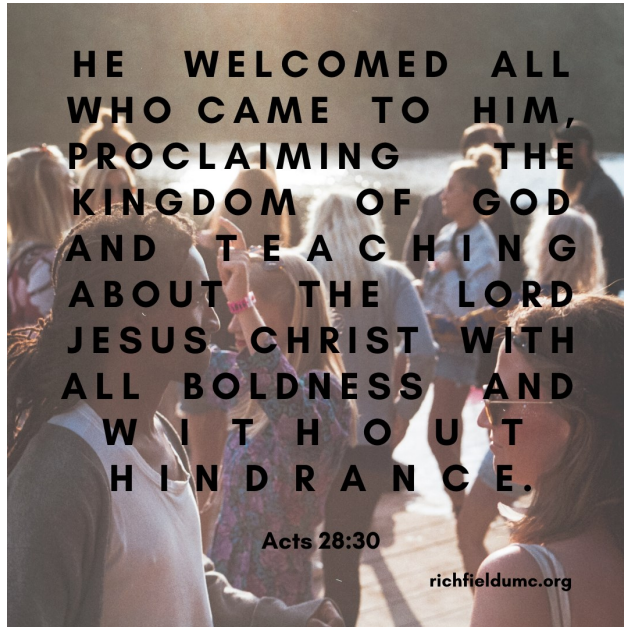




May 24, 2020 at 9:30am - 7th Sunday of Easter
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(bold = in unison)

ENTRANCE

Gathering Music

“Breathe”

M. Barnett

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

We call upon our great God.
We honor you and we serve you.
We call upon our brother Jesus.
We learn from you and we respect you.
We call upon our Holy Spirit.
We feel you and we partner with you.

Opening Hymn

“Down By the Riverside”

Traditional

Gonna lay down **my sword and shield,*
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna lay down **my sword and shield,*
down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

And we ain't gonna study war no more
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more
We ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, down by the riverside.

* *our fear and pride*

* *our pain and woe*

Morning Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Holy One, you are the light that shines bright in our lives. You show us the way, the truth, and the life through Jesus. You give us your Spirit as a companion on the journey. We come to you with gratitude and rejoicing. We come to you with regret and loss. We come to you with memories and stories. We come to you with hope and boldness. Hear us now as we lift the prayers on our hearts to you in a moment of silence and stillness and peace...

Silent Prayer

Lighting Our Conflux Candles

The LORD'S Prayer

Videos by the People
Maya Olson
Noelle Olson
Steve and Jan Kirchner
Dan Bur and Luzia Tavares
Andi Olson
Nick Olson
Gertie Melcher
Sonja and Eva Jackson

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.

Solo

“The Lord’s Prayer”
Brad Gardner, soloist

Malotte

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture

Acts of the Apostles 27:9-11, 18-20, 41-44, 28:14b-16, 30-31

NRSV

Since much time had been lost and sailing was now dangerous, because even the Fast had already gone by, Paul advised them, saying, “Sirs, I can see that the voyage will be with danger and much heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.” But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said.

We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship’s tackle overboard. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

But striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves. The soldiers’ plan was to kill the

prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape; but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

And so we came to Rome. The believers from there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage.

When we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Scripture

Romans 12:1-21

NRSV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon

“Every Chance I Quake”

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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Paige Armstrong and Brad Gardner, soloists

H. Shelley

Prayer of Gratitude

Holy One, you are the Great Provider. You have blessed us to be a blessing. You give to us out of an abundance that knows no bounds. May our gifts bring healing and justice to your world. May it bring your beloved children closer together. May we live as blessings in your creation, blessing one another in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

A Memorial Day Prayer

Hymn

“America the Beautiful”

UMH No. 696

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain
for purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O, beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

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

Sending Music

“Honor Them All”

Janis Ian



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

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Musicians - Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Brad Gardner, Greg Locke, Devon Olson,
Victor Zupanc

Liturgist - Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech - TY Moore, Dale Olson

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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, Coon Rapids UMC.
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- Our great state of Minnesota as we transition to the “Stay Safe” order.
- Cool heads and warm hearts as we prayerfully consider our next steps through pandemic as a church, as a state, as a nation, and as a world.
- Our community partners VEAP and Beacon Interfaith Housing.
- Small businesses and organizations in the midst of struggle.
- 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.
- A memorial prayer for the lives and sacrifice of those who died serving their nation in a times of war and conflict and a prayer for peace and war no more.
- The children.

Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marybeth Stull, Maxene Schwanke, James Wegscheid, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Inez Gustafson, Bonnie Freese, Bill T., relative of Michele Wegscheid, Sharon Morrow, Dale Blomsness, Tom Lind, and Bev Crandall.

Prayers for Comfort:

Jan Hansen, Gunilla Arlinger, Fern Albertson’s Swedish sister, Hans Olson, father of Dale Olson, and all those in hospice and their families.

Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

The families and friends of Pauline Heim who died on May 15. Private inurnment at Ft. Snelling.

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](#).
- 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" Variety Show with Rev. Nate Melcher, premiering Wednesdays at 8:30pm at [Facebook Live](#) and [YouTube](#).
- Please keep reaching out to one another, it matters!

Announcements - Campus and Administration:

- In-person worship and gatherings are suspended through September 6.
- Campus is closed until further notice, thank you.
- God's Hands is closed until further notice. No donations at this time, thank you.
- You can still reach out by phone and also to paid staff by email.
- 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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