



May 31, 2020 at 9:30am - Day of Pentecost  
Graduation Sunday

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(bold = in unison)

## ENTRANCE

Gathering Music

**“What’s Going On”**  
by Renaldo “Obie” Benson, Al Cleveland, and Marvin Gaye

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Garrett Johnson

We worship the God who is with us.

**You are the Source from which we journey, O God.**

We worship Jesus who is for us.

**You are the Companion who is for our journey, O Brother Jesus.**

We worship the Holy Spirit who is ahead of us.

**You are the Cheerleader who beckons us forward on our journey, O Spirit.**

Opening Hymn

[“Blest Are They”](#)

by David Haas

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hope Hutchison

**Holy One, we are a Pentecost people, coming together from many walks of life to walk a life with you. We rejoice in your fiery Spirit taking up camp in our hearts. We are grateful you reveal your truth through others in our lives. We confess we do not always respond to your Spirit. There are days it is easier to snuff out the flame and ignore the oppressed than lift them up in your name. Forgive us. Heal us. Bring mending to our broken ways and shattered systems. Move us to your dream and vision for your world. Hear now our silent confessions to you...**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

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.**

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.*

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Scripture in Context

Scripture

Romans 16:1-16

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I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. Greet my relative Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; and greet his mother—a mother to me also. Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them. Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

## Celebrating Our Graduates—Nakia Neal and Ryan Whitaker

God of love and God of grace, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless these young people in the milestone of graduation. May you bring them peace.

**You are a surrounding God! We thank you for those who taught them, who raised them, who worked beside them, and who supported them along the way.**

As they journey into goodness and celebration, we give thanks for the gift of your creative energy at work in their lives. May you bring them joy.

**You are an empowering God! May they feel your loving presence with them up on the highest of mountaintops.**

As they journey through confusion and anxiety, we give thanks for the gift of your guiding energy at work in their lives. May you bring them hope.

**You are a sustaining God! May they feel your loving presence with them down in the lowest of valleys.**

As they go from this time and this space, in your promise may they know that you go with them. May the love of Christ live loudly in their hearts every step of the way.

**You are a renewing God! May these graduates be filled by your Holy Spirit to do good in all ways, in all places, and to all people. Amen.**

Special Music

“The Plans I Have For You”

by Jonathan Adams

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

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Offertory

“Get Together”

by The Youngbloods

Prayer of Gratitude

Holy Spirit breathe into our lungs so that we may feel your peace with us. Holy Spirit breathe into the lives of those people who are touched by the ministries of this church so they, too, may feel your peace. Holy Spirit receive the outpouring of these generous gifts offered unto you. In the name of the One who first offered the gift of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

Lighting Our Conflux Candles

“[Here Comes the Sun](#)”

by George Harrison

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Gracious and loving God, thank you for the precious moments in which we felt you close to us this week. Continue to break through to each of us with your Holy Spirit and reveal your amazing love to as many people as possible. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun refuse to shine,  
Oh when the sun refuse to shine,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the sun refuse to shine.

Oh, when the resurrection comes,  
Oh, when the resurrection comes,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the resurrection comes.

Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Benediction

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

Sending Music

“With a Little Help From My Fiends”

by Lennon and McCartney



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

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### Online Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the congregation

Musicians - Brad Gardner, Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists - Rev. Hope Hutchison, Garrett Johnson, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech - TY Moore, Dale Olson

Your Guide to Online Worship as Richfield United Methodist Church		
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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, First UMC: Austin.
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- Our graduates, Nakia Neal and Ryan Whitaker, and all graduates of high school and higher education, especially in a season that has seen disruption of academics, traditions, and celebrations.
- The family and friends of our neighbor George Floyd.
- Our law enforcement and peace officers across our state and nation.
- A renewed system of justice and anti-racism in all aspects of our society.
- 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.
- 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.

### **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 premieres Wednesday evenings 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](#).
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