



June 21, 2020 at 9:30am - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
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(bold = in unison)

## ENTRANCE

Prelude Variations (from Organ Concerto Op. 4, No. 1) by G. F. Handel  
Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher  
Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the One who seeks.  
**All are beloved by our great Creator, our God.**  
We gather in the name of the One who forgives.  
**We are all forgiven by our great brother, Jesus.**  
We gather in the name of the One who says, "Try again."  
**We are all empowered by our great partner, the Holy Spirit.**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Centering Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Loving and gracious God, open our hearts and our minds to the work of your Spirit, that you might illuminate our darkness and lead us to new hope and possibility. We acknowledge the many ways that we have fallen short of your best ideals for us and we thank you for your forgiveness and your faithful love. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

Breakthrough Prayer

Loving God of all, renew our hearts and mind.  
Reveal your wildest dreams, break through to each of us.  
Unite us in your vision, equip us for your work.  
Transform us by your song, create our harmony.  
May we embrace your future, and be your loving church. Amen.

*Please join your church in praying the Breakthrough Prayer daily at 8:35.*

Time with Children

Sharing the Peace

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

*Please greet your neighbor with a touch-free sign of peace.*

Lighting Our Conflux Candles

*You are invited to safely light a candle or lamp to celebrate  
the moments this week where your life's journey met God's heart.*

Celebration of Music

Gargoyles, Op. 29  
IV. Presto Feroce  
Emma Taggart, piano  
Groth Scholarship recipient

by L. Liebermann

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## Scripture in Context

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-22

NRSV

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

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

### Sermon

“How do I forgive someone else...and myself?”  
“So Many Questions” Worship Series

Rev. Nate Melcher

### Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

#### 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.**

### Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

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Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

### Offertory

“Come to Jesus” (“Untitled Hymn”)  
Scott Clarke, soloist

by Chris Rice

### 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

Loving God, we thank you. We thank you for your creation. We thank you for the gift of your son. We thank you for your presence in our lives. We recognize that you are greater than any of our attempts to describe you. We have come to a time in the service to say "thank you" with our economic resources – our money. May everything we do in this worship service express gratitude – the songs that we sing, the prayers that we offer, the words that we read, the conversations that we have, and even these gifts that we now make to spread the good news of your son, Jesus Christ. May even these gifts be a gesture of "losing our lives" for your sake. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

### 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

"Freely, Freely"

by Carol Owens  
UMH No. 389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you,  
to share his love as he told me to.  
He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

### Benediction

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

### Postlude

"Allegro" (from: Water Music)

by G. F. Handel



Thank you for worshiping as Richfield United Methodist Church.  
We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.

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### Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Scott Clarke

Liturgists: 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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## Community Joys and Concerns

### Celebrations:

- Congratulations to Groth Scholarship recipient, Emma Taggart! Emma will be a freshman at Mannes School of Music - The New School in New York City, NY. She will be studying piano performance and is a graduate of St. Agnes High School in St. Paul.

### 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 Southern Hills UMC in Sioux Falls, SD.
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- Our youth and leaders who would be at LYFE Camp this week, canceled due to pandemic.
- All who would be celebrating the Pride festival this week, canceled due to pandemic.
- The family, friends, and community of 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.
- All who are experiencing displacement and disruption in our city.
- All who face the challenges of inequities, poverty, loneliness, racism, complex family systems, toxic politics, and all the other pressing issues amplified by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The children.

### Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marybeth Stull, James Wegscheid, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Inez Gustafson, Bonnie Freese, Bill T., relative of Michele Wegscheid, Bev Crandall, Margaret Kersteter, Elaine Peterson, and Kelsey Johnson, spouse of Garrett Johnson.

### 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:

- Today: Doc-O-Rama! We are watching and discussing the *Sojourners* documentary, *The Line* about poverty in the US at 7:00pm. Details to login are in [The Heartline](#).
- Today: Drive-Thru Joy-Prayer and Summer Supplies  
Today, 10:45am-12:00pm, outside the church building  
Pastor Nate will be at the main entrance of the church building to pray with you and hand out hymnals, bibles, prayer cards, Upper Room devotionals, directories, and single-serve communion cups. And bags of microwave popcorn for you to enjoy during Doc-O-Rama or “Summer at the Movies” worship series. Please enter from the east driveway entrance on Garfield Ave. Please respect the privacy of those in prayer, please keep your windows rolled up until it’s your turn. Please remain in your vehicle, wear a mask, and practice safe physical distancing.
- 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, public and sign-up content. Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#).
- Youth Group, various content throughout the summer. Contact [Garrett Johnson](#).
- Pastor Care, by phone or electronically. Contact [Kay Bergeland](#).
- “Camp Meetings” with Rev. Nate Melcher, Wednesdays at 8:30pm. [Facebook Live](#) & [YouTube](#).
- Friends and family who aren’t online can listen to worship live by touchtone phone.  
Call toll-free at 1.888.650.5835. “Press 1” to opt-in to receive an automatic call on Sundays as worship begins.
- Please keep reaching out to one another, it matters!

## Announcements - Campus and Administration:

- In-person worship and gatherings are suspended through at least 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](http://richfieldumc.org/give) or contact [Kathy Gertsema](#).

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