



July 5, 2020 at 9:30am - 5th Sunday after Pentecost  
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(bold = in unison)

## ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Faith to Be Strong”

by Andrew Peterson

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 77:11-13)

Let us remember the Lord’s deeds;  
**Yes, we will remember your wondrous acts from times long past.**  
 Let us meditate on all your works;  
**We will ponder your deeds.**  
 God, your way is holiness;  
**No one is as great as you, God!**

Gathering Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

UMH No. 585

Spiritual/adapt. William Farley Smith

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,  
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go
3. All through the night

Prayer of Confession (based on Galatians 5:1, 19-21)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

**Christ has set us free for freedom. Yet, we confess that we are often willing servants of our own selfish desires. We willingly and selfishly indulge in whatever feels good. We set up false idols that demand our obsession and that revel in rivalry. God forgive us. Guide us by your Spirit so that we will no longer carry out these selfish desires. Hear our prayers of silent confession to you...**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance (based on Galatians 3:23-29)

Now that faith has come, you are no longer guarded under the law. Now you are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who were baptized into Christ Jesus have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male or female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. You belong to Christ. Amen.

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

"When You Believe"

by S. Schwartz

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Galatians 5:16-26

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Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THANKSGIVING

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

*You are invited to gather bread or crackers and grape juice.  
If you don't have that exactly, please use your best judgment for a suitable substitute.  
What you bring to the table is enough.*

The LORD be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the LORD.**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Let us ask God's blessing upon them...

**Gentle Redeemer, there is no lockdown on your blessing and no quarantine on grace. Send your Spirit of life and love, power and blessing upon every table where your child shelters in place, that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love and this Cup poured out to give hope to all.**

**Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you.**

**Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you.**

Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

**We are one in Christ in the bread we share.**

Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

**We are one in Christ in the cup we share.**

...and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic...

**Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen.**

### 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

*Your gift by mail, phone, or through the secure online portal at [richfieldumc.org/give](http://richfieldumc.org/give) supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.*

*Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

### Receiving the Sacrament

*There is no barrier between you and the table.*

*All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.*

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

Breakthrough Prayer

**Loving God of all, renew our hearts and minds.  
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.*

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

Sending Hymn

“Thank You God”

by Garrison Doles

A Special Birthday Celebration

Meg Alexander is 102 years old!  
Elaine Peterson is 101 years old!

Benediction

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

Postlude

“People Get Ready”

by Curtis Mayfield



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

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: TY Moore, Rev. Nate Melcher

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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, Camphor Memorial UMC in St. Paul, MN.
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- Gratitude for the establishment of a nation of promise to all who seek to live and grow.
- Hope for a nation of welcome, justice, and equality for all who claim it as home.
- Courage for a nation to bring together potential and people to build prosperity for all.
- 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, 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, July 5**  
**GAME-O-RAMA (First Sundays at 7:00pm)**  
Join your friends for a fun game night together! These games are meant to be all ages and encourage lots of laughter and connection. Hope to see you there. **July 5- Movie Trivia!** Hop on the video call, phone a friend to make a team, and go head to head with other teams for a few rounds of movie trivia. (Meeting ID: 829-1621-4043)
- **This Wednesday, July 8**  
**Summer Movie Nights**  
Throughout the month of July, we will be watching movies together online on Wednesday nights, and theming our next Sunday morning worship around each movie. We will be using Netflix watch to chat throughout the movie, and watch together! If you want to follow along, but don't have access to Netflix, you can sign up for a free 30-day trial that will cover the time period of our movie nights. You can also watch the movie on your own throughout the week to keep up with each week's worship theme.  
**Enjoy Movie Night this Wednesday July 8. We will watch [Groundhog Day](#).**  
If you would like to be included in our Netflix Watch party, please email [hhutchison@richfieldumc.org](mailto:hhutchison@richfieldumc.org) to get the registration link.
- **Church conference next Sunday July 12 at 10:45 am** for the purpose of electing new leaders for our lay teams. We will use the Zoom online platform to conduct this meeting, then open up to Café-O-Rama, an online gathering like Coffee in the Commons...except you bring your own coffee! (Meeting ID: 868-2193-2196)
- 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](#).
- Worship by touch tone phone. Friends and family not online can listen to worship live. Call toll-free at 1.888.650.5835 and "press 1" to opt-in to get automatic calls 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](#).
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