



July 12, 2020 at 9:30am - 6th Sunday after Pentecost  
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(bold = in unison)

## ENTRANCE

Prelude

“I Can See Clearly Now”

by Johnny Nash

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Jesus says come to me if you are tired and worn out.

**We get away with Jesus and recover our life.**

Jesus says repeat after me; watch how I do it.

**We follow the unforced rhythms of grace.**

Jesus says I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.

**We keep company with Jesus and live free.**

## Refrain

Envía tu Espíritu, envía tu Espíritu, envía tu Espíritu,  
sea renovada la faz de la tierra. Sea renovada la faz de la tierra.

Send out your Spirit, send out your Spirit, send out your Spirit  
send out and renew the face of the earth. send out and renew the face of the earth.

1. Spirit of the living God, burn in our hearts,  
and make us a people of hope and compassion. (Refrain)
2. Wind of promise, wind of change, friend of the poor,  
empower your people to make peace and justice. (Refrain)
3. Breath of life and holiness, heal every wound,  
and lead us beyond every sin that divides us. (Refrain)

## Centering Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Almighty God, we repent of our sins and open our hearts to Jesus. We repent and believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We receive you in heart, body, and soul. Thank you for being with us both day and night as we search for light in dark places in this world. We pray to be obedient by waiting on your time schedule and responding according to your command. Thank you for the gift of salvation, in Jesus's name. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

## 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.*

## Time with Children

## Sharing the Peace

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

*Please greet your neighbor with a 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

Violin Concerto No. 2, Mvt. I  
Ben Lenzmeier, violin  
Groth Scholarship recipient

by Max Bruchs

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### Scripture in Context

#### Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

NRSV

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

#### Sermon

Groundhog Day: “How do I live my best life?”  
“Summer at the Movies!” Worship Series

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#### Gospel Reading

John 7:45-52

NRSV

Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why did you not arrest him?” The police answered, “Never has anyone spoken like this!” Then the Pharisees replied, “Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.” Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, “Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?” They replied, “Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.”

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#### Gospel Reading

John 19:38-42

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After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred

pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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

Sermon

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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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Offertory

“I Am”

by Bebo Norman

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

Almighty God, your boundless miracles in nature are such a small display of your awesome deeds. You visibly enrich our lives with the bounty of the earth's beauty. How can we ever adequately honor the gift of an amethyst sunset or the fragility of a butterfly's dance? Abundantly increase these gifts so that we may be more faithful stewards of your entire creation. To you be all honor and glory. 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

### Sending Hymn

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Spiritual/arr. Wendell Whalum

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

### Benediction

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

### Postlude

“I Saw the Light”

by Todd Rundgren



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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: Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: TY Moore, Dale Olson

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## Community Joys and Concerns

### Celebrations:

- Congratulations to Groth Scholarship recipient, Benjamin Lenzmeier! Ben will be a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. He is studying violin performance and is a graduate of St. Agnes High School, 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 our fellow MCCI church, Coon Rapids UMC.
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- The courage to confront racism in all of its forms and places.
- A renewed system of justice and anti-racism in all aspects of our society.
- The children, families, and leaders of last week’s online Vacation Bible School.
- The youth and leaders who would have left for a mission trip today if not for pandemic, and for the communities of Milwaukee, WI who they would have served with together.
- All who face 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, James Wegscheid, Marylee Fithian, Inez Gustafson, Bonnie Freese, Bill T., relative of Michele Wegscheid, Bev Crandall, Margaret Kersteter, Elaine Peterson, and Sharon Morrow.

### Prayers for Comfort:

Jan Hansen, Hans Olson, father of Dale Olson, and all those in hospice and their families.

### Prayers for Those Who are Grieving

Fern Albertson on the death of her Swedish sister, Gunilla Arlinger.

## Announcements - Community Connections:

- **Today, July 12—Church Conference followed by CAFÉ-O-RAMA**  
Church conference 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, password: 5835)
- **This Wednesday, July 15**  
**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 15. We will watch [Princess and the Frog](#).** 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.
- **Next Sunday, July 19**  
**DOC-O-RAMA - Third Sundays at 7:00pm**  
Watch and discuss a documentary film that explores big questions about faith and life.  
**July 19 - *A Time for Burning*** This Oscar-nominated documentary follows a church's struggle to overcome its internal racial tensions in 1966 Omaha, Nebraska. (Meeting ID: 844-0861-3455, password: 5835)
- 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](#).
- 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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