



July 19, 2020 at 9:30 am - 7th Sunday after Pentecost  
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(bold = in unison)

## ENTRANCE

Prelude “Kommt ein schlanker Bursch gegangen” by Weber  
 Sara Schiff, vocalist  
 Groth Scholarship recipient

Welcome Rev. Hope Hutchison

### Call to Worship

Most Holy God, we run to be in your presence greeted by your love.  
**We rejoice in the joy of you.**  
 Affirm in us your purposes.  
**Reveal to us your plans.**  
 Assure us of your promise that lasts forever.  
**May we fill our days with thee.**

Gathering Hymn “Amazing Grace” UMH No. 378

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound  
 That saved a wretch like me.  
 I once was lost, but now I am found,  
 Was blind, but now I see.

Centering Prayer

Rev. Nate Melcher

O God, we need your empowering grace to help us recognize that all are welcome in your presence. Take away our tendency to withdraw from those who do not fit our image of worthiness, for none of us is more worthy than another and all are in need of your rescuing love. In the name of Jesus we call upon you. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer to you...

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 Music

"Va godendo"  
Sara Schiff, vocalist  
Groth Scholarship recipient

by Handel

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32

NRSV

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him,



## Prayer of Gratitude

God of Salvation, we seek to be children of your heavenly kingdom. Yet, our self-deceiving ways cause us to believe that we will be more generous givers once we have satisfied our own personal, material desires. Change our thinking. Help us to be faithful disciples who recognize that everything we have in life is a gift from you. Inspire us to share our resources as a response to your unconditional love. 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

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

UMH No. 348

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!

### Benediction

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

### Postlude

“Fanfare”

by J. Lemmons



Thank you for worshipping 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, Pat Norton

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, Sara Shiff! Sara will be a freshman at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey. She will be studying vocal performance. Sara is a graduate of Robbinsdale Armstrong High School.

### 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 newest elected leaders, continuing elected leaders, and those who served well in their terms for the mission of this church.
- Our church’s teams, elected leaders, 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.
- Families caught in the struggle of how to proceed safely
- The youth and leaders who would have returned from their mission trip yesterday 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, Bev Crandall, Margaret Kersteter, Elaine Peterson, Sharon Morrow, Maxene Schwanke, Dan Freese, father of Bonnie Freese, and Liam B., neighbor of Michele Wegscheid.

### Prayers for Comfort:

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

## Announcements - Community Connections:

- **Today, 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)
- **[Regathering Survey](#) Deadline Tomorrow:** If you have already completed the survey, thank you. This survey will help your leadership make informed decisions for our entire congregation to regather safely and comfortably. It is important we receive your **completed survey by tomorrow, Monday, July 20 at 11:00pm**. Thank you for your participation! [Take the survey.](#)
- **Summer Movie Series** You're invited to watch the movie used as sermon illustrations on DVD, Blu-ray, or Netflix (sign up for a free 30-day trial) for July 26 ([Soul Surfer](#)) and August 2 ([Spider-Man: Into the Spiderverse](#)).
- **School Supply Collection—Drop-off items at RUMC on Sun. 8/2, 11am-12pm, & Fri. 8/7, 5-6pm.**  
Now through August 7, we are collecting supplies for VEAP's back to school drive! While we had planned to do our own drive, VEAP's network will allow us to reach a much wider network of families than we would have been able to on our own. **You can make a financial donation for school supplies by Wednesday, August 5.** Please [give online](#), or by mailed check (arriving at the church by 8/5) with school supply drive on the memo line. You can order school supplies online and have them shipped to the church or your home or buy supplies at a local retailer. **Drop-off supplies at the church building on Sunday, August 2nd, 11am-12pm, or Friday, August 7th, 5-6pm.** All traditional supplies are needed, such as: pens, pencils, notebooks, and paper; however the most needed supplies are backpacks and scientific calculators. Please make sure that any ordered supplies are delivered by Fri., Aug. 7th. All supplies will be delivered to VEAP by Sun., Aug. 9th.
- **SAVE THE DATE: August 16th Doc-O-Rama, [Hellbound?](#)** The filmmaker Kevin Miller joins our discussion of his documentary about the wide variety of viewpoints about the existence of hell.
- Brené Brown Study, Saturdays, 10:30am. Contact [Gail Johnson](#).
- Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 9:30am. Contact [Molly Reko](#).
- 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](#).
- 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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