



September 6, 2020 at 9:30am - 14th Sunday after Pentecost
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SO MANY QUESTIONS 2

Aug. 9 What does the Bible say about heaven?
Aug. 16 What does the Bible say about hell?
Aug. 23 Why aren't there dinosaurs in the Bible?
Aug. 30 How do we live with hope today?
Sept. 6 Does God root for the Twins?

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(bold = in unison)

ENTRANCE

Prelude "My Heart Ever Faithful" by J. S. Bach
Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher
Call to Worship

We come to you with questions.
You respond to us with love.
We journey to you with doubts.
You speak to us with truth.
We wander to you as we wonder of you.
You embrace us with these gifts.

1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)
3. As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Holy and generous God, you are the giver of all good things. All good things are sent from heaven above. Rain and sun, day and night, justice and righteousness.

Bread to the eater and see to the sower. Peace to the old, energy to the young, joy to the babies.

But we are takers who take from you, gracious God. Taking all we need as you supply.

And then taking more, taking more than we need. Taking what is not ours. Taking the dignity of others, taking from the bounty of the earth. Taking without thought. Taking without giving.

But you God are the giver of all good things. We want to learn how to give like you.

Teach us how to give - not take. So that we may give with joy and gladness. So that others may receive. So that others may know you are the giver of all good things.

Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

God's good gifts of grace and mercy are gifts given in abundance. Hear the Good News: in Christ, we are forgiven. 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 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

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” by C. Gabriel, arr. L. Zanielli
Paige Armstrong, soloist

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:33-37

Then [Jesus and the disciples] came to Capernaum; and when [Jesus] was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Does God root for the Twins?"
"So Many Questions!" Worship Series

Rev. Wayne Albertson
Rev. Lynn Borgeson
Rev. Bill Johnson
Rev. Kent Johnson
Rev. Ruth Phelps

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.

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 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.

Music During Communion

"Turn, Turn, Turn"

by Pete Seeger

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

“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

by Scott Soper

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Fanfare”

by G. Telemann



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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, 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, First UMC: Austin.
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- The Minnesota Annual Conference and the work of annual gathering session.
- All who are in physical, emotional, and/or spiritual isolation.
- Public servants, care workers, and behind-the-scenes support people.
- The people of hope who care for those who have none.
- Our nation’s labor force who keeps essential goods and services running.
- Teachers, students, families, staff, and administrators returning to school.
- All who face 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, Bonnie Freese, Bev Crandall, Margaret Kersteter, Elaine Peterson, Maxene Schwanke, Liam B., neighbor of Michele Wegscheid, and John Darling.

Prayers for Comfort:

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

Announcements - Community Connections:

- **Next Week: Rally Sunday, September 13 - Online Worship Service at 9:30 am**

This fall, we explore the entirety of the Sermon of the Mount by Jesus as told in the Gospel of Matthew. The first sermon series is titled, **More Than This**. The original listeners of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount would have been shocked to hear they are included, that they are worthy, that they are made for more than the brokenness they witness around them. In today's world, the same message from Jesus rings true. We are made for more than this brokenness and called to be exactly the co-creators God needs. September 13: You Are Blessed to Bless - Matthew 5:1-12

- **Drive-Thru Joy on Rally Sunday**

Sunday, September 13 at 10:45 am-12:00 pm Drive by campus on Rally Sunday after worship.

All ages can pick up: snacks, communion supplies, Upper Room devotionals, posters, hymnals, and/or a wooden cross key chain to take with you wherever you go.

Children and teens can also pick up: "back to school" items like snacks, treats, stickers, and wooden cross keychains.

All ages can drop off: food and personal health items to donate to supply depots across the city where there is the most need. The most in-demand items include non-perishable canned food, rice, pasta, diapers sizes 4-5, baby formula, and feminine hygiene products (pads).

- **Eco-Justice Bible Study**

Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm online by Zoom, Meeting ID: 833-9498-9252, Passcode: 5835

Have you ever wondered what the Bible has to say about the environment? Or what social justice movements have to do with salvation? Join Rev. Hope Hutchison in this session that will cover what the Bible has to say about Creation Care, how we can apply that knowledge in our everyday lives, and what all of that has to do with our United Methodist theology.

- Brené Brown Study, Saturdays, 10:30 am. Contact [Gail Johnson](#).
- Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Contact [Molly Reko](#).
- Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 9:00 am. Contact [Kent Johnson](#).
- Men's Support Group, Saturdays at 8:30 am. Contact [Kent Johnson](#).
- Children's Ministry, public and sign-up content. Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#).
- Youth Group, various content throughout the fall. Contact [Garrett Johnson](#).
- Pastor Care, by phone or electronically. Contact [Kay Bergeland](#).
- 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 in the building are suspended through 2020 and we continue on an open-ended timeline. Read the latest statements at richfieldumc.org/statements.
- 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 or contact [Kathy Gertsema](#).

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