



October 4, 2020 at 9:30am - 18th Sunday after Pentecost
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Someone’s Singing, Lord”

by J. Behnke

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”
Paige Armstrong, soloist

Welcome

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Call to Worship

Before you could ever return it, could try to earn it, or could fail to deserve it...

You were loved.

Before you could ever explain it, could try to contain it, or could fail to attain it...

You were loved.

Long before you were wrong, long before you were right...

You were loved.

Gathering Hymn

“Go to the World”

by Dunstan/Vaughan Williams

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ’s renews life’s worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant Church, you follow Christ’s own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the World! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you ‘til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!” Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Jesus, Son of God, thank you for putting on flesh and becoming our neighbor. You did not have to treat us with such kindness, but you did. You gave yourself unselfishly to us when we were living in complete selfishness. Thank you for loving us when we gave you no reason. We want to be loving as you are loving. We want to give to others who would least expect it. Help us to be generous for no other reason than that you have been generous with us. Help us to be the kinds of neighbors that we would hope others would be for us. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Time with Children

Blessing of the Bibles

Third Graders Receiving Bibles Today

Daniella Callahan, child of Sarah Callahan

Brennan Currie, child of Sarah and Alexander Currie

Sonja Jackson, child of Renee and Evan Jackson

Gertrude Melcher, child of Kelly and Nathan Melcher

Buerkley Owens, child of Alicia and Peyton Owens

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

“Bambelela” (Never Give Up)

Trad. South Africa

Paige Armstrong, Gretta Thorson, Scott Clarke, Brad Gardner

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Readings

Matthew 5:38-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and

if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“You Are Wise to Love”
“More Than This” Worship Series

Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

You are invited to gather elements for Holy Communion with care and delight.

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.

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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 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.

Communion Music

“Al Shlosha D’varim”

by A. Naplan

[text: The world is sustained by three things, by truth, by justice, and by peace]

Paige Armstrong, soloist

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

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

UMH No. 519

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.
3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”

arr. R. Vandall



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: Paige Armstrong, Scott Clarke, Nancy Dierauer, Brad Gardner, Gretta Thorson

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison and Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Bill Johnson, TY Moore, Dale Olson

An Everyday Prayer Life Is for Everyone

You are invited to devote time and energy to God and neighbor every day to pray for:

- Open minds and hearts for “conflux moments.” May all experience God in their lives.
- People in need of a loving church home. May they be embraced as beloved children of God.
- Our fellow MCCI church, Brooklyn UMC. May the Spirit break through.
- Children near and far, all beloved of God. May all be shown safety, stability, and care.
- People facing the brokenness of inequities, poverty, loneliness, racism, toxic politics, complex family systems, and other pressing challenges amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. May all who do justice and love mercy rise up as active, partnered signs of God’s healing love.
- Our church’s people, elected leaders, paid staff, and partners. May the Spirit break through.
- Ourselves in this moment here and now. May we feel God’s creativity, Jesus’s hope, and the Holy Spirit’s call in our struggles, our celebrations, and our whole lives.

Prayers of Celebration:

- We celebrate the tradition of presenting Bibles to our third grade students as a gift from the congregation. We rejoice as our children learn and explore God’s story so that they may continue to grow in faith.
- As we celebrate World Communion Sunday along with Christians around the world, we rejoice in the ways that the church is connected through Jesus Christ.

Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marybeth Stull, James Wegscheid, Marylee Fithian, Bonnie Freese, Bev Crandall, Elaine Peterson, Maxene Schwanke, Liam B., neighbor of Michele Wegscheid, John Darling, Phyllis Killam, Jan Falk, Sharon Keen's sister-in-law, and Lee Weiser.

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:

- The family and friends of Margaret Kersteter as they grieve her death. A livestreamed service will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 4:00 pm. The livestream link is [youtube.com/richfieldumc](https://www.youtube.com/richfieldumc). Please do not come to the church building, thanks for understanding.
- CFC staff Kathy Colberg, her father, Jim, and her siblings on the passing of her mother, Genese Colberg.

Worship Online

In-person worship and gatherings in the building are suspended through 2020 and we continue on an open-ended timeline. Read the latest information at richfieldumc.org/statements.

Campus and Administration

Campus is closed, including God’s Hands Thrift Store (no donations as this time, thank you).

Church staff is available by email or phone

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Connect as Richfield UMC

All gathering happen through Zoom online video conferencing unless otherwise noted.

Today

10:45 am | CAFÉ-O-RAMA

Meeting ID: 843-4704-2137, Passcode: 5835

A relaxed, inviting opportunity to spend time with new and old friends. It's like coffee in The Commons...except you bring your own coffee! CAFÉ-O-RAMA is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

4:00 pm | Youth Group

Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

Coming Up

Tuesdays October 6 through 27, 7:00 pm | worship Leader Boot Camp

Meeting ID: 819-9039-0338, Passcode: 5835

Practice writing prayers and reading parts to give you confidence in your delivery and skill in your craft. Please RSVP to [Pastor Nate](#).

Thurs., Oct. 8, 1:00 pm | Lunch and Learn Bird Migration with naturalist Stan Tekiela

Meeting ID: 871 6228 7476, Passcode: 5835

Thursdays, Oct. 8–29, 7:00 pm | The Requiem Mass

Meeting ID: 813-5279-1898, Passcode: 5835

A lecture series on the musical tradition of the Requiem Mass led by [Paige Armstrong](#).

Sunday, October 25, 3:00-4:30 pm | Drive-Thru Trunk and Treat

An outdoor and socially distant event. You can help. Read more and [Sign-up here](#).

Ongoing and Open

Mondays, 8:05 am | Early Bird Bible Study

Meeting ID: 896-7653-5596, Passcode: 5835

“Drop-In” study led by Pastor Nate.

Mondays, 7:00 pm | Anti Racism Online Book

"I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness" by Austin Channing Brown

Meeting ID: 676 257 0020

Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study

Contact [Molly Reko](#) to get connected.

Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study

Contact [Kent Johnson](#) to get connected.

Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group

Contact [Kent Johnson](#) to get connected.

Saturdays, 10:30 am | Brené Brown Study

Contact [Gail Johnson](#) to get connected.



Check-In

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Weekly announcements, events, worship preparation, and reflection, [sign up](#).



Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is available from the clergy team, Parish Nurse, and care ministry volunteers. You don't have to go through times of sickness, loneliness, or hurt alone. If you need prayer or other pastoral care, please contact [Kay Bergeland](#).

Worshipping from Home

Prepare your worship space with care and delight.

Download or print a bulletin and safely light a candle or lamp.

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