



October 11, 2020 at 9:30am - 19th Sunday after Pentecost
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“If We Only Have Love”

by Jacques Brel

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

A life of faith comes with its rewards.

God knows us in our prayer.

Faith is not static, but is in action.

Jesus knows us in our following.

A life of faith stretches us and reaches out.

The Holy Spirit knows us in our hearts.

Gathering Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

by Kathleen Thomerson

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

Centering Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Gracious and loving God, we open this doorway of prayer before you in unpredictable times. It is no secret that your presence of wisdom and care is in all times and places. Stretch out your hand to us in ways that open us to this wisdom, to this care. May your will be done throughout your earth to reflect your dream of heaven. 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

"Here I Am, Lord"

by Dan Schutte

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Readings

Matthew 6:1-15

NRSV

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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

Sermon

“Change Through Prayer”
“Everything Changes” Worship Series

Rev. Nate Melcher

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

*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.*

Offertory

“Have I Told You Lately”

by Van Morrison

Doxology

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**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

God of Peace, we are confronted with so many overwhelming needs in our world. Walk with us as we set aside our own desires and wants and join the call to alleviate human suffering. Transform these financial gifts into genuine acts of concern and ministry to others. In the name of the One who surpasses all understanding, we pray. 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

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

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Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, halle, halleluja!
Halle, halle, halleluja!
Halleluja! Halleluja!

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Jump” Introduction

by Eddie Van Halen
and David Lee Roth

“Panama” Introduction

by Eddie Van Halen
and David Lee Roth

“I Can See Clearly Now”

by Johnny Nash



Thank you for worshiping as Richfield United Methodist Church.
We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.

Livestream Worship: youtube.com/richfieldumc

richfieldumc.org | [Richfield UMC on Facebook](#)

Get on the email list: richfieldumc.org/signup

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison and Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: TY Moore, Bill Johnson

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, Camphor Memorial 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 for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marybeth Stull, James Wegscheid, Marylee Fithian, Bonnie Freese, Bev Crandall, Maxene Schwanke, Liam B., neighbor of Michele Wegscheid, John Darling, Phyllis Killam, Jan Falk, Sharon Keen’s sister-in-law, Barb Rogers, Jan Hansen, Joyce Walls, and Don Morrow.

Prayers for Comfort:

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 today, Sunday, October 11 at 4:00 pm. The livestream link is 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

[Rev. Nate Melcher](#), Senior Pastor | 612.399.6272

[Rev. Hope Bentley Hutchison](#), Director of Children and Family Ministries | 626.261.1429

[Catherine Mahler](#), Caring For Children Director

[Garrett Johnson](#), Youth Leader

[Pat Noonan](#), Facilities Coordinator

[Nancy Dierauer](#), Organist/Music Director

[Kay Bergeland RN](#), Parish Nurse

[Paige Armstrong-Hetterick](#), Chancel Choir Director

[Victor Zupanc](#), Living Waters Worship Coordinator

[Kathy Gertsema](#), Business and Administration Coordinator

[Linda Schmidt](#), Program and Communications Coordinator

Connect as Richfield UMC

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

Today

10:45 am | Children's Sunday School
Contact [Rev. Hope](#)

4:00 pm | A livestreamed memorial service remembering Margaret Kersteter
The livestream link is youtube.com/richfieldumc. Please do not come to the church building, thanks for understanding.

4:00 pm | Youth Group
Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

Coming Up

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](#).

Monday, October 26, 7:00 pm | "Same Storm, Different Boats: Social Justice in Pandemic"
Meeting ID: 814-2821-9719, Passcode: 5835
Speaker Rev. Shawn Moore takes us through a conversation about service to God and live out strong allyship with those in need of justice.

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 Book Study
Meeting ID: 612 250 1736 "I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness" by Austin Channing Brown

Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study
Contact [Molly Reko](#) to get connected.

Tuesdays through October 27, 7:00 pm | worship Leader Boot Camp
Meeting ID: 819-9039-0338, Passcode: 5835

Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study
Contact [Kent Johnson](#) to get connected.

Thursdays, through October 29, 7:00 pm | The Requiem Mass lecture series
Meeting ID: 813-5279-1898, Passcode: 5835

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.

Survey: Christmas Eve & Church Life

If you received an email invitation to complete the survey, please use the link there. If you did not receive the link, or you no longer have the email, please use this [link](#). Please complete the survey by tomorrow, Mon., Oct. 12 at 11:00pm



Check-In

Help your church track online worship trends, thank you. richfieldumc.org/hereiam



Worship by Touch Tone Phone

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.



Latest from Richfield UMC

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](#).

Worshiping from Home

Prepare your worship space with care and delight.

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

Find more tips at richfieldumc.org/live.

Your generous gift

supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church. richfieldumc.org/give

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