



October 18, 2020 at 9:30am - 20th Sunday after Pentecost
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ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Aria”

(bold = in unison)

Welcome

by G. F. Handel

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

You see all people, and we give thanks.
You shine bright upon all in need of brightness.
We want to be full-bodied servants for you.
We shine bright when we make you our lamp.
Nothing can hide in shadow from your eye.
Nothing can vanquish the light of God!

Gathering Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

UM Hymnal #405

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Gather us in, Holy One, kept precious like treasure. Shed us of earthly desires so your sheen of caring shines through. Build each of us up in body, mind, and spirit so that we may treasure each day. Send us to shine where your people need hope, where your people need solidarity, where your people need your loving action. 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

**"If With All Your Hearts" (from: Elijah)
Paige Armstrong, soloist**

by F. Mendelssohn

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Readings

Matthew 6:16-24

NRSV

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your God who is in secret; and your God who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

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

Sermon

“Change Through Sharing”
“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

“Servant Song”
Paige Armstrong, Gretta Thorson
Scott Clarke, Brad Gardner

by R. G. Hard

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

God of Wisdom, we rejoice that you have provided us with numerous examples of generous giving. We obediently share this offering in full knowledge that all of our resources and assets are ultimately a gift from you. Help us to use them wisely and to share them generously. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life, so we may live abundantly. 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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

UM Hymnal #664

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name that we bear.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Finale from Concert No. 5”

by G. F. Handel



**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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Get on the email list: richfieldumc.org/signup

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Scott Clarke, Nancy Dierauer, Brad Gardner, Gretta Thorsen

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison and Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: TY Moore, Bill Johnson, 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, Coon Rapids 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.

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

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

[Garrett Johnson](#), Youth Leader

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[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 | CAFÉ-O-RAMA

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

A relaxed opportunity to spend time with new and old friends. Held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

4:00 pm | Youth Group

Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

Next Sunday

October 25, 3:00-4:30 pm |

Drive-Thru Trunk-Or-Treat

All are invited to a safe trick-or-treating experience. Can you help direct traffic? Helpers are still needed. [Sign-up here](#). Guests will use the east entry of the parking lot, stay in their vehicles, and wear face masks. Volunteers will wear face masks and gloves and practicing physical distancing while distributing treats. All are encouraged to bring food and health item donations for VEAP Food Pantry.

Coming Up

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 living out strong allyship with those in need of justice.

Premieres Tuesday, November 3 at 8:00 pm | Election Day Communion

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When the polls close, gather with the Body of Christ to celebrate Communion. Set aside what divides us & celebrate what unites us - Jesus!

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, no passcode needed

"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

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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.



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](#).

Worshipping 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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