



October 25, 2020 at 9:30am - Reformation Sunday  
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Strive first for the kingdom of  
God and God's righteousness,  
and all these things will be  
given to you as well.

**MATTHEW 6:33**

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## ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Hallelujah”

(bold = in unison)

Welcome

by Leonard Cohen

Call to Worship

Rev. Nate Melcher

We see our brother the bird, we seek our sister the lily.  
**There is great beauty in creation, our sibling of blessing.**  
The holy is in our midst, there is a field of grace planted for all.  
**No worry brings more energy; no fretting adds one hour.**  
Today's seeking brings tomorrow's finding.  
Let us trust the slow work of God.

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

## Centering Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Creator of the Earth, Caretaker of Our Lives, your presence and activity brings comfort and strength. We confess there are days we seek this, feel this, and partner with this to bring your kingdom and embrace all whom we encounter as our kin. We confess there are days we forget this, ignore this, and deny this so your kingdom is distant and our kin is held at arm's length. May we strive for your ways, may we seek your righteousness, and may all that we need be given with the abundance of your grace. 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 Music

"More Like You"

by Scott Wesley Brown

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## Scripture in Context

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

NRSV

[Jesus said,] “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Maker feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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

### Sermon

“Change Through Perseverance ”  
“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

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Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

### Offertory

“My Sweet Lord”

by George Harrison

### 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

Lord, you have entrusted us with the awe-inspiring task of sharing the message of the Gospel. We acknowledge that we cannot simply give money and expect your message to be spread. We must consistently give ourselves by offering our time, talents, gifts, and service. Stir within us the courage to be Christian stewards throughout our daily living. Accept these gifts as a symbol of our love and commitment to you. In Jesus' name, 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

“Lord Speak to Me”

UM Hymnal #463

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;  
as thou has sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.
2. O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee,  
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;  
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

### Benediction

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

### Postlude

“I'm a Believer”

by Neil Diamond



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](https://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 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, First UMC: Austin. 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 Trunk-or-Treat event today on our campus with gratitude to all who are helping make this neighborhood event safe for our community. With love in our hearts, we pray for all who are coming to our church campus to experience joy in these times.

### 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, Don Morrow, Elizabeth Runge, Klaus Runge, and SK Johnson.

### Prayers for Comfort:

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

### Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

Betty Bosch and her family in the death of Betty’s mother, Anna.

### 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](http://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

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**10:45 am | Children's Sunday School**

Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

**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.

**Youth Group** - Youth will be helping with Trunk-or-Treat this week

Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

### Tomorrow

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**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.

### Coming Up

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**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

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**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

**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](https://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.

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