



June 7, 2020 at 9:30am - First Sunday after Pentecost  
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(bold = in unison)

## ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Song of Peace”

by J. Langlais

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (Ps 27)

Wait for the LORD. Be strong; take heart.

**We will see the goodness of God in the land of the living.**

The LORD is our light and our salvation.

**Whom shall we fear?**

Though adversaries plot against us,

**God protects us from harm.**

Sing to the LORD with songs of joy.

**Make melody to the LORD, our God.**

Come, let us worship.

1. When the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me);  
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me).  
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,  
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me (stand by me).
2. In the midst of tribulation, stand by me (stand by me);  
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me (stand by me).  
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,  
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me (stand by me).

## Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hope Hutchison

**Mysterious One, in the darkness of night, you met Abraham's deepest fears. We long to meet you in the secret place of our dreams. Come to us in our darkest nights, and overcome our fear and dread with your hope and promise of new life. Help us be strong and take heart, for you are our light and our salvation. Your power draws us like a moth to the flame. Teach us your ways, O God, that we may be your beloved children - children of life and promise. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...**

## Silent Prayer

## Words of Assurance (Luke 13)

Christ's desire is to gather us together, as a mother hen gathers her brood under her wing. Be strong; take heart, for God's love and mercy pursue us, even in the darkest night. Thanks be to God!

## Time with Children

## Sharing the Peace

May the peace of God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please greet each other with a touch-free sign of peace.*

## Lighting Our Conflux Candles

"Cry No More"

by Dan Forrest

Paige Armstrong, soloist

*You are invited to safely light a candle or lamp to celebrate the moments where your life's journey met God's heart this week.*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## Scripture in Context

## Scripture

Philippians 3:12-4:1

NRSV

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Sermon

Is it Okay to Be “Spiritual” but Not “Religious”?  
Worship Series: “So Many Questions!”

Rev. Nate Melcher

## 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.**

...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.**

Receiving the Sacrament

*There is no barrier between you and the table.  
All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.*

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

*Your gift today at [richfieldumc.org/give](http://richfieldumc.org/give) supports the ministry,  
outreach, and operations of Richfield UMC, and thank you.*

Music for Communion and Offering Our Gifts

“O Lord Most Holy” (Panis angelicus)

by C. Franck

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

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

Closing 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.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Rondeau”

by J. Mouret



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We hope you had a good experience. Stay safe, strong, and connected.

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### Online Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer and Paige Armstrong

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison and Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: TY Moore, Dale Olson, Steve Warner

Your Guide to Online Worship as Richfield United Methodist Church		
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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: Windom.
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- Our graduates, Nakia Neal and Ryan Whitaker, and all graduates across the nation.
- The family, friends, and community of George Floyd.
- Our law enforcement and peace officers across our state and nation.
- A renewed system of justice and anti-racism in all aspects of our society.
- Cool heads and warm hearts as we prayerfully consider our next steps through pandemic as a church, as a state, as a nation, and as a world.
- Our community partners VEAP and Beacon Interfaith Housing.
- All who are experiencing displacement and disruption in our city.
- All who face the challenges of 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, Maxene Schwanke, James Wegscheid, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Inez Gustafson, Bonnie Freese, Bill T., relative of Michele Wegscheid, Sharon Morrow, Bev Crandall, Margaret Kersteter, and Elaine Peterson.

### Prayers for Comfort:

Jan Hansen, Gunilla Arlinger, Fern Albertson’s Swedish sister, Hans Olson, father of Dale Olson, and all those in hospice and their families.

### **Announcements - Community Connections:**

- Tonight: Game-O-Rama! We are playing Bingo at 7:00pm on Zoom. Please look for details in the latest issue of [The Heartline](#). Be ready to make your own bingo card, see you there!
- Next Sunday: Cafe-O-Rama! We are having virtual coffee fellowship after worship!
- Brené Brown Study, Saturdays, 10:30am. Contact [Gail Johnson](#).
- Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 9:30am. Contact [Molly Recko](#).
- Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 9:00am. Contact [Kent Johnson](#).
- Men's Support Group, Saturdays at 8:30am. Contact [Kent Johnson](#).
- Children's Ministry, original public content and invitation-only curriculum due to copyright. Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#).
- Youth Group, Sundays and Wednesdays. Contact [Garrett Johnson](#).
- Pastor Care, by phone or electronically. Contact [Kay Bergeland](#).
- "Camp Meetings" Variety Show with Rev. Nate Melcher premieres Wednesday evenings at 8:30pm at [Facebook Live](#) and [YouTube](#).
- Please keep reaching out to one another, it matters!

### **Announcements - Campus and Administration:**

- In-person worship and gatherings are suspended through September 6.
- 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](#).
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