



November 1, 2020 at 9:30am - All Saints' Day  
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## ENTRANCE

Prelude

*"In paradisium"* [from: *Requiem*]

(bold = in unison)  
by G. Fauré

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 34)

Let us bless God every chance we get.

**We bless the God of our salvation.**

Magnify the Lord.

**We lift up God's name in praise.**

O taste and see that God is good.

**Those who make their home in God are filled with joy.**

Magnify the Lord.

**Lift God's name in praise.**

1. **Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
3. **Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

## Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Holy God, we so often fail to remember how profoundly you love us.

**You bless us even when we are at our wit's end.**

You created us, and you love us as we are, even as you inspire our desire to be better through the Holy Spirit.

**Forgive us when we fail to remember that we are the body of Christ, saints-in-process.**

Empower us to begin anew, encouraged by the stories of those who live in your eternal presence.

**In the name of Jesus, and for the sake of the gospel, we pray.**

Hear us now, in our silent prayer...

## Silent Prayer

## Words of Assurance

## 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

"Songs of the Saints"  
Chancel Choir [Virtual]

by P. Choplin

## Celebrating All Saints of the Church

## List of Saints

Ruth Rogers  
Harriet Kirk  
Tommy Thompson  
Leo Kurtz  
Pat Marble  
Kay Hann  
Bob Gillespie  
Michael Hann  
Marilyn Sampson  
James Marshall  
Pauline Heim  
Margaret Kersteter

## Prayer of Remembrance

**Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ: give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

*Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!*

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. *Refrain*
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Refrain*
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: *Refrain*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:1-11

NRSV

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

“Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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

Sermon

“Trust God’s Story in Our Passion”  
“Trust God’s Story” Worship Series

Rev. Nate Melcher

## THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Setting C, UM Hymnal p. 20

*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.**

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...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

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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.*

## Music During Communion

“Pie Jesu” [from: *Requiem*]  
Paige Armstrong, soloist

by J. Rutter

Text: Merciful Jesus, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.  
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them

## 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

“Hymn of Promise”

UM Hymnal #707

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## Benediction

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

## Postlude

Toccata on “Amazing Grace”

by J. Christopher Pardini





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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#### Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation  
Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Chancel Choir  
Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison and Rev. Nate Melcher  
Tech Crew: TY Moore, Rev. 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: Windom. 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 birth of Evelyn Louise Gilmore on October 10th. Evelyn’s parents are Laura and Jon Gilmore, grandparents are Steve and Jan Kirchner.
- Celebrating All Saints’ Day, we give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith.

#### Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marybeth Stull, James Wegscheid, Marylee Fithian, Bonnie Freese, Maxene Schwanke, Liam B., neighbor of Michele Wegscheid, Jan Falk, Sharon Keen’s sister-in-law, Barb Rogers, Jan Hansen, Joyce Walls, Elizabeth Runge, Klaus Runge, and SK Johnson.

#### 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](https://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

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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, 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 & 3rd Sundays.

#### 4:00 pm | Youth Group

Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

### Coming Up

#### 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!

#### Mondays at 7:00 pm, Nov. 9 - Dec. 14 |

#### Advent Book Study: Love Is the Way

Meeting ID: 6122501736, No password required "Love is The Way" by Bishop Michael Curry We will discuss 12 questions (chapters) such as, "How do I find God's love?" "I'm just a regular person, so how can my love have an impact?" "How can love overcome what divides us and move us forward together?" Come, read, and hear about this message of living the way of love. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Johnson ([gailjohnson417@gmail.com](mailto:gailjohnson417@gmail.com)).

#### Thursday, Nov. 12, from 1:00 - 2:00 PM |

#### Lunch and Learn Online Series

#### My Life in Music with Victor Zupanc

We welcome our very own Living Waters Band Leader, the gifted Victor Zupanc, who will entertain us with his program, My Life in Music. Meeting ID: 834 1070 8483, passcode: 5835. To participate by phone only, call 1-312-626-6799.

### Advent Devotional Submissions Sought

This Advent, your church is making an all-new Advent daily devotional written by you and others in this worshiping community. The Advent theme is Heart of the Holy. Think of how we experience the heart of God in our own hearts and throughout our lives using the classic Advent framing of hope, peace, joy, and love. You are invited to write about any of these ways of experiencing the Heart of God.

Submission Guidelines: 1. Your reflection, poem, or prayer should be 250 words or less.

2. It must be your own original writing.

3. Submit your writing by next Sunday, November 8 to [nmelcher@richfieldumc.org](mailto:nmelcher@richfieldumc.org).

### Ongoing and Open

#### 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

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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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#### Worship by Touch Tone Phone

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#### 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.

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