



November 15, 2020 at 9:30am - 24th Sunday after Pentecost
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ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Meditation from *Thais*”
Pat Norton, cello

(bold = in unison)
by J. Massenet

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

False prophets will reap what they sow.
God’s harvest shall fill the stores for the winter.
A tree that bears bad fruit is cast into the fire.
God’s orchard shall bear fruit of justice and righteousness.
Bear good fruit in us, O God, our gardener and redeemer!
Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

Gathering Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

UM Hymnal #545

1. **The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**
5. **Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

Centering Prayer

Alicia Owens

Lord of Heaven, we declare our trust in you and your ways. Lift away the veils that hide your will, so that we may confront our faults and take action for your children. Let us live in a world where deception and greed is eradicated by your simple truth: You are the vine and we are the branches. May we bear good fruit in your name. 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

“Sure Foundation”
Pat Norton and Brad Gardner, soloists

by M. Hayes

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:15-23

NRSV

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of God in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’

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

Sermon

“Trust God’s Story in Our Gifts”
“Trust God’s Story” 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.*

Solo

“His Eye is On the Sparrow”

by Gabriel/Martin - arr. L. Bergquist

Paige Armstrong, soloist

Offertory

Beloved Lord, you offer us a precious gift. Your invitation to salvation through Jesus Christ frees us from so many unnecessary fears. As children of your light, we present these gifts so that others may share in the timeless message of your love. Encourage us to reflect your love to others, today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

Beloved Lord, you offer us a precious gift. Your invitation to salvation through Jesus Christ frees us from so many unnecessary fears. As children of your light, we present these gifts so that others may share in the timeless message of your love. Encourage us to reflect your love to others, today and always. 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

“Trust and Obey”

UM Hymnal #467

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

arr. by P. Manz



Thank you for worshiping 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: Pat Norton, Brad Gardner, Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer

Liturgists: Rev. Nate Melcher and Alicia Owens

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, Southern Hills UMC in Sioux Falls, SD. 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, Marylee Fithian, Bonnie Freese, Maxene Schwanke, Jan Falk, Sharon Keen's sister-in-law, Barb Rogers, Jan Hansen, Joyce Walls, Elizabeth Runge, Klaus Runge, Jim Nelson, Becca Whitaker, Agnes Danzl, Jeanne Exline, and Jack Exline

Prayers for Comfort:

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

Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

- Sandra Overland and loved ones as they grieve the death of Sandra’s mother, Marilyn Overland.
- The family and friends of Norma Luettinger who passed away on November 12.

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 | 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.

8:00 pm | Youth Group

Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

Next Sunday, Nov. 22

Drive-Thru Joy

10:45 am - 2:00 pm (extended hours)

Worshippers and members are encouraged to drive by campus after worship to drop off or pick up a variety of items to enhance your connection with your church and to be prepared for Advent. **We want as many people as possible to come** for this growing opportunity, and we will have extended hours.

Drop-Off:

- Food & health supplies for neighbors in crisis
- Your 2021 Estimate of Giving Commitment
- Your Advent mosaic tile for the Advent community art project (see below if you want to help color a tile)

Pick-Up:

- Candles to light for "Silent Night" on Christmas Eve
- An olive wood Christmas tree ornament from the Holy Land for your home
- The latest issue of the Upper Room devotional
- An Advent devotional made up of member submissions
- Tips on coping with the upcoming holidays from your Care Ministry Teams
- A special treat

Preparing for Advent

Advent Community Art Project Participants Needed

Help create a community art project for our church this Advent season! Each person, or each family can color one tile of a larger poster, and return the completed tile at Drive Thru Joy on November 22. The whole poster will be unveiled during worship in Advent. To participate, please contact Rev. Hope Hutchison at (626)261-1429 or hhutchison@richfieldumc.org

Ongoing and Open

Mondays at 7:00 pm, Through Dec. 14 |

Advent Book Study: Love Is the Way

Meeting ID: 6122501736, No password required
"Love is The Way" by Bishop Michael Curry

Continued >

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.

Charge Conference - Tue., Nov. 24 at 7:00 pm

Meeting ID: 886-0975-2661, Passcode: 5835
The charge conference is for the purpose of setting 2021 clergy compensation packages. All worshipers may attend, church members have voice, Ad Board elected leaders have vote.



Check-In

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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.

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