



November 22, 2020 at 9:30am - Christ the King Sunday
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(bold = in unison)

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Thanks Be to Thee”

by G. F. Handel

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

God is the great storyteller.

The holy is woven into the fabric of our lives.

God tells a story with us and through us.

The holy is woven throughout the generations.

Trust God’s story!

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1. **We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

2. **Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!**

3. **We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

Centering Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

God of the Mountains, we praise you in thanksgiving for the abundance of gifts you bring into our lives. We express our gratitude to you by sharing your abundance out of love and joy. You are our foundation and you are our rock. May we put our whole trust in you when times are uncertain. May we believe your story when the page turns to the next chapter. Thank you, God. Thank you! 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

Garrett Johnson

**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

**"Ordinary People"
Paige Armstrong, soloist**

by Danniebelle Hall

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:24-29

NRSV

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

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

Sermon

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

Rev. Nate Melcher

Trust God’s Story: Offering Our Commitments, Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

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Offertory

“Now Thank We All Our God” (from: Cantata No. 79)

by J. S. Bach/arr. V. Fox

Nancy Dierauer, organ

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

Exalted One, we joyfully celebrate our unlimited trust in your faithful promises. We pray that all people will someday sound a cacophony of hallelujahs as they truly accept your steadfast love. May these gifts that we gladly lay upon your altar enable ministries that support this chorus of praise. We pray with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts. 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

“Let All Things Now Living”

TFWS Hymnal #2008

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, God’s light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
2. The law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Benediction

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

Postlude

“I Sing to Speak”

by Victor Zupanc, Louisa Castner



Thank you for worshipping as Richfield United Methodist Church.
We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.

Livestream Worship: youtube.com/richfieldumc
richfieldumc.org | [Richfield UMC on Facebook](#)
Get on the email list: richfieldumc.org/signup

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dieraurer, Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Garret Johnson, 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, Brooklyn 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, Marylee Fithian, Bonnie Freese, Maxene Schwanke, Jan Falk, Sharon Keen’s sister-in-law, Barb Rogers, Jan Hansen, Joyce Walls, Elizabeth Runge, Klaus Runge, Becca Whitaker, Agnes Danzl, Jack Exline, and Russ Ruona.

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. A private family service will be held Monday, November 23, at 11:00 AM at Morris Nilsen Funeral Chapel. The funeral may be viewed on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96527066825>.
- Sandy Nelson and the family and friends of Rev. Jim Nelson. Rev. Nelson passed away last weekend. A memorial service will be at a later date.
- Jack Exline and the family and friends of Jeanne Exline who passed away last weekend. A memorial will be at a later date. Please respect Jack’s privacy and only contact him by email at this time.

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 | Children's Sunday School
Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

10:45 am - 2:00 pm | Drive-Thru Joy
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.

Drop-Off:

- Food and 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)
- Winter gear for children and youth (see note below for info)

Pick-Up:

- Candles to light for "Silent Night" on Christmas Eve
- A 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 for Advent
- A donut from Puff Pastry in Eagan (while supplies last)

Winter Gear Collection for Children and Youth
We are partnering with Sierra350 and Twin Cities Logistics to collect winter outdoor gear for kids and teens of the Fond du Lac community, Please [click here](#) to see the list of gear needs.

You can drop off items at the Drive-Thru Joy! If you can't make it, you can still help by following the instructions for making donations [here](#).

8:00 pm | Youth Group
Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

This Tuesday

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 worshippers may attend, church members have voice, Ad Board elected leaders have vote.

Next Sunday, November 29

Advent begins with a new sermon series, "Heart of the Holy" In Advent, we await the coming of baby Jesus into the world. It is a time of longing and strain, of coping and stress. Let us open our hearts to the holy, to the one who cares for us with tenderness in our season of anticipation. **We love out, giving and receiving tender care to one another.**

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Upcoming

A Service of Hope and Healing
Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00pm
[youtube.com/richfieldumc](https://www.youtube.com/richfieldumc) You are invited to a time of music, reflection, and release centered on the spirituality of hope and the practice of healing.

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

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

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.
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