



December 27, 2020 at 9:30am - First Sunday after Christmas
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude "The Kingdom of God Is Within" by Rev. Roger Parrish-Siggelkow

Welcome and Lighting Our Conflux Candles Rev. Nate Melcher

Your gift by mail, phone, or through the secure online portal at richfieldumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church. Thank you for your extravagant generosity.

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.

Time with Children Rev. Hope Hutchison

Call to Worship Rev. Carrie, Peter, Noah, and Nathan Binnie
Community UMC, Monticello

Gathering Hymn "Come and Worship"
Roots and Branches UMC, Anoka by Bebo Norman

Please join in singing the refrain:

**Come and Worship, Come and Worship
Come and Worship, Worship Christ the Newborn King**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9
Annual Conference Staff

The Message

I'll make a list of GOD's gracious dealings,
all the things GOD has done that need praising,
All the generous bounties of GOD,
his great goodness to the family of Israel—
Compassion lavished,
love extravagant.
He said, "Without question these are my people,
children who would never betray me."
So he became their Savior.
In all their troubles,
he was troubled, too.
He didn't send someone else to help them.
He did it himself, in person.
Out of his own love and pity
he redeemed them.
He rescued them and carried them along
for a long, long time.

A Time of Centering

"Anchored in Hope"

Rev. Cindy Gregorson
Director of Connectional Ministries

*You are invited to download a star template at tinyurl.com/mnumcstar
and participate in creating a "star of hope" during worship today.*

Reflection

"Christmas Presence"

Rev. Susan Nienaber
Big Waters District Superintendent

Reflection

"This"

Rev. Dan Johnson
Twin Cities District Superintendent

Celebration Music

"Grace"
Park Avenue UMC Worship Band, Minneapolis

by Jonathan McReynolds

Reflection

"The Game of Life"

Rev. Fred Vanderwerf
Southern Prairie District Superintendent

Reflection

"Signs of Hope"

Rev. Laurie Kantonen
North Star District Superintendent

Hymn

"Joy to the World"
Hamline Church Children's Choir, St. Paul

UM Hymnal No. 246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Reflection

"Hope in the Wild"

Rev. Cynthia Williams
River Valley District Superintendent

THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Christ UMC, Maplewood

UM Hymnal No. 211

Please join in singing the refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“Whole Heart”
Root and Branches UMC, Anoka

by J. T. Houston/A. T. King

Sending Forth

Rev. Cindy Gregorson

Postlude

“Hope for Everyone”
Hilltop UMC, Mankato

by M. Maher/J. Ingram



**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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Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Children’s Choir (Hamline UMC, St. Paul), Christ UMC (Maplewood), Hilltop Worship Band (Hilltop UMC, Mankato), Park Avenue Praise Team (Park Avenue UMC, Minneapolis), Rev. Roger Parrish-Siggelkow, Roots and Branches Band UMC, Anoka), Jenni & Rev. Cullen Tanner

Liturgists: Rev. Carrie, Peter, Noah, and Nathan Binnie (Community UMC, Monticello), Rev. Cindy Gregorson, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Dan Johnson, Minnesota Annual Conference staff, Rev. Laurie Kantonen, Rev. Nate Melcher, Rev. Susan Nienaber, Rev. Fred Vanderwerf, Rev. Cynthia Williams

Tech Crew: Walker Brault, Karla Hovde, Rev. Nate Melcher, Rev. Cullen Tanner, and the many technicians of all churches involved in shooting, editing, and uploading video content

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 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, Agnes Danzl, Jack Exline, Dick Novak, Linda Novak, Ruth Davis, John Meeker, Sara Watne’s sisters, Hope and Lora, and Rexi Warner’s friend, Heidi.

Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

- Dale Olson and family in the death of Dale’s father, Hans Olson.
- Dan Bur and family in the death of Dan’s father, Don Bur.

Worship Online

In-person worship and gatherings in the building are suspended 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Next Sunday, January 3

New Worship Series Begins January 3, 2021 ORIGIN, OWNERSHIP, & ONWARD

Bishop David Alan Bard will preach. We'll celebrate Communion and we'll begin a worship series recognizing what has made us into who we are today, acknowledging we can live the life God wants for us, and moving forward as beloved children of God into the future.

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.

DOC-O-RAMA: [God In America](#)

Sundays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7
7:00pm-8:30pm

Meeting ID: 857-7778-2442 Passcode: 5835
Or call in: 312.626.6799 (standard rates may apply)
Join Pastor Nate and others to watch and discuss [God in America](#) a 6-part documentary that dives into the origins of organized religion in North America.

Monday, January 4

Book Study: How To Be An Antiracist
Mondays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 8
7:00pm

Meeting ID: 910 7366 8546, No Passcode needed
Or call in: 312.626.6799 (standard rates may apply)
Ibram X. Kendi's breakthrough bestseller, [How to Be an Antiracist](#), has become the unofficial "required reading" for all seeking racial reconciliation in this nation.
To RSVP, please contact Gail Johnson:
gailjohnson417@gmail.com.

Sunday, January 10

10:45 am | Children's Sunday School
Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

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

Ongoing and Open

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](#).

Worshipping 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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