



January 10, 2021 at 9:30am - Baptism of the Lord
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“He’s Been Faithful”

by Carol Cymbala

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

God’s strong voice calls us to worship,

Calling us to sing and offer praise.

God’s creative voice calls us to worship,

Calling us to life and light.

God’s loving voice calls us to worship,

Calling us to love and be loved.

Listen, for God’s voice calls to us now.

Gathering Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

spiritual

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Centering Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Word of God, speak, for your servants are listening. Spirit of creation and renewal, hover over our gathering this day, as you hovered over creation on that first day. Enter into our hearts and our lives, as you did at the day of our baptism. Descend on us like a dove, as you did on Jesus's day of baptism, that we may hear again your words of love. Speak from the heavens into our minds, that we may perceive your words of guidance and wisdom. 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

“Deep River”

traditional

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Readings

Mark 1:4-11

NRSV

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sermon

"What We Receive & What We Do With It"
"Origin, Ownership, & Onward" Worship Series 2 of 7

Rev. Nate Melcher

Remembrance of Baptism

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **I will.**

...Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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.*

Offertory

"He's Never Failed Me Yet"

by CeCe Winans

Doxology

UM Hymnal 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

God of Power and Might, you effortlessly created light in the darkened void of our beginning universe. Today, this light continues to fill the shapeless recesses of our lives. Multiply these gifts so your beacon of light shines in every corner of the Earth. May people everywhere receive your light with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this prayer in the name of the one who proclaimed transforming redemption, Jesus the Christ. 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

“Amazing Grace”
vs. 1-3

UM Hymnal #378

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Lean on Me”

by Bill Withers



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: Greta Oglesby, vocal, Rev. Nate Melcher, ukulele, Devon Olson, bass
Greg Locke, guitar, Victor Zupanc, piano
Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher
Tech Crew: TY Moore, 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. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Arlington UMC, Asbury UMC (Duluth), Atwater UMC, Aurora UMC, Balaton UMC, Barnum Community UMC, Beardsley UMC, Beauford UMC (Mapleton), Belgrade Avenue UMC (North Mankato), Bemidji UMC, Bethel UMC, (Mound), Bethlehem UMC (Hammond), Bethlehem UMC (Hutchinson), Bird Island UMC, Blaine UMC, Blooming Grove UMC (Medford), Breckenridge UMC, Brooklyn UMC (Brooklyn Center), Browns Valley UM PCUSA
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, Bicol Philippines Provisional Annual Conference, Bulacan Philippines Annual Conference
- 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, Marylee Fithian, Bonnie Freese, Maxene Schwanke, Jan Falk, Sharon Keen’s sister-in-law, Jan Hansen, Joyce Walls, Agnes Danzl, Jack Exline, Dick Novak, Linda Novak, Sara Watne’s sisters, Hope and Lora, Rexi Warner’s friend, Heidi, Dave Couillard, and Dawn, Aliyah, and Alice, family members of Sherree Stratton.

Prayers for Comfort:

All those in hospice and their families.

Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

- Curt Stull and family in the death of Marybeth. A private family service is planned.
- The family and friends of Ruth Davis. **A Memorial, via Zoom, will be held on Friday, January 15 at 11:00am** [Direct link to the memorial service](#) Meeting ID: 898 5329 8257 Passcode: 5835 Or call in by phone (standard rates may apply): 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 898 5329 8257 Passcode: 5835

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.

Today, January 10

10:45 am | Children's Sunday School

Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

8:00 pm | Youth Group

Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

7:00-8:30 pm | DOC-O-RAMA: [God In America](#)

Sundays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7

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.

Tomorrow, Monday, January 11

7:00 pm | Book Study: How To Be An Antiracist

Mondays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 8

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.

Contact [Gail Johnson](#).

Thursday, January 14

1:00-2:00 pm | Lunch and Learn Online Series

[Talking About Death Won't Kill You: The Conversation is More Important Now Than Ever](#)

Meeting ID: 813-2660-1056 Passcode: 5835

Call-In: 312.626.6799, then enter Meeting ID and Passcode (standard rates may apply)

In this time of medical uncertainty, what matters most to you? Have you talked to your family about what you would want if you got really sick? With Rev. Edward Holland's help, our Zoom "Lunch and Learn" will give you a chance to consider these and other questions. Join us because "it's always too soon until it's too late" to have the conversation.

Next Sunday, January 17

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.

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.

Church Conference Sun., Jan. 31, 10:45 am

Meeting ID: 875-9045-5078, Passcode: 5835

Or call in: 312.626.6799 (standard rates may apply)

There will be a church conference after worship to receive reports and vote on the 2021 budget.



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](#).

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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supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church. richfieldumc.org/give

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For more help, reach out:

worshiptech@richfieldumc.org.

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