



January 17, 2021 at 9:30am  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
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## ENTRANCE

Prelude

“People Get Ready”

(bold = in unison)

Welcome

by Curtis Mayfield

Call to Worship

Rev. Nate Melcher

Ann Johnson

Who is calling me?

**Come and see.**

What might happen?

**Come and see.**

Jesus calls to us, “Follow me.”

**We follow the one who calls us.**

Gathering Hymn

“Wade In the Water”

spiritual

*Refrain:*

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water, God's a gonna trouble the water.

1. See that host all dressed in white, God's a gonna trouble the water;  
The leader looks like the Israelite, God's a gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*
2. See that band all dressed in red, God's a gonna trouble the water;  
Looks like the band that Moses led, God's a gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*

Centering Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Creating God, how deeply you know us. In the mystery of your love, you see who we are and who we might become. Our bodies are your creation; they are wonderfully made. Our minds reflect your handiwork. Our spirits are a gift from you. You call us by name and invite us to follow. Lead us now into the depths of your love. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

Breakthrough Prayer

Peyton Owens

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

Bea and Gertie Melcher

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

“You Are So Beautiful”

by Billy Preston

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Readings

John 1:43-51

NRSV

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig

tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

Sermon

“What We Expect & What We Find”  
“Origin, Ownership, & Onward” Worship Series 3 of 7

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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supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.  
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“What the World Needs Now”

by David and Bacharach

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

**Merciful God, you provide us with so many opportunities to follow Jesus' teaching and to live as modern day disciples. We sometimes respond to your call with enumerable excuses or unfounded worries. We confuse our spiritual longing with the need for possessions. Yet, these things only provide a false sense of security. As we offer these financial resources, transform us so that we are stirred to hear your call on our lives. We pray in the name of the Redeeming One, 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

“Down By the Riverside”

spiritual

1. Gonna lay down my sword and shield,  
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.  
Gonna lay down my sword and shield,  
down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

And we ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.  
We ain't gonna study war no more,  
Ain't gonna study war no more, down by the riverside.

2. Gonna lay down our fear and pride,  
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.  
Gonna lay down our fear and pride,  
down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

And we ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.  
We ain't gonna study war no more,  
Ain't gonna study war no more, down by the riverside.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“What’s Going On”

by Marvin Gaye



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: T Mychael Rambo, vocal      Rev. Nate Melcher, ukulele  
Devon Olson, bass      Greg Locke, guitar  
Victor Zupanc, piano

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Ann Johnson, Peyton Owens, Bea Melcher, Gertie Melcher,  
Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, TY Moore

## 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.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Brownsdale UMC, Brunswick UMC (Crystal), Buffalo UMC, Byron UMC, Caledonia UMC, Camphor Memorial UMC (Saint Paul), Cascade UMC (Deerwood), Castle Rock UMC, Cedar UMC (Ham Lake)
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Bulgaria-Romania Provisional Annual Conference, Burundi Annual Conference, California-Nevada Annual Conference, California-Pacific 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, Dawn, Aliyah, and Alice, family members of Sherree Stratton, Brian Boardman, and Bob Wright.

### 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 service was held on January 15.

## 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](http://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

[Kathy Newbauer](#), 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 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.

#### 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 18

#### 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](#).

### Next Sunday, January 24

#### 10:45 am | Children's Sunday School

Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

### 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.

### The Lent Daily Devotional

The Lent theme this year is **Day by Day**. We are focusing on "trying on" spiritual practices to put our faith into action. **You are invited** to write a short reflection for your church's Lent devotional booklet about this theme. See p. 5 of the [Heartline newsletter](#) for more information.

#### Submission Guidelines:

1. Your reflection, poem, or prayer should be 250 words or less.
2. It must be your own original writing. Sorry, we cannot publish your favorite poem by another writer, no matter how wonderful it is!
3. **Submit your writing by January 31** to [nmelcher@richfieldumc.org](mailto:nmelcher@richfieldumc.org).

## 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](http://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. Find more tips at [richfieldumc.org/live](http://richfieldumc.org/live).

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