



January 24, 2021 at 9:30am  
Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
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## ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Largo Religioso”  
Pat Norton, cello

by Rick Sowash

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Rev. Hope Hutchison

God is the practice of radical imagination.

**She is the freedom to dream of abundance and flourishing.**

God is the practice of adaptability and change.

**She is the power to break patterns that destroy life and relationships.**

God is the practice of justice that transforms.

**She is the work that mends, that heals, that builds anew.**

We remember and rejoice. This is the God who dwells with us.

**Among us and within us, God is here.**

Gathering Hymn

“The Kingdom of God”

by Bryn Rees

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

Centering Prayer

Alicia Owens

Holy Wonder, Crafter of the Universe, wild and free is your Spirit. Come and rouse our longings. Stir our imaginations. Liberate our thinking. Where we have grown more attached to the familiar than to your hopes for us, help us to release control. May we be willing to take the risks necessary to bring about the world we desire. 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

“Sing Unto the Lord”  
Paige Armstrong and Pat Norton, soloists

by G. F. Handel

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

NRSV

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little

farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Sermon

“Who We Hear & Who We Are”  
“Origin, Ownership, & Onward” Worship Series 4 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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Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”  
Paige Armstrong, soloist

arr. Moses Hogan

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 Deliverance, we pause during this time of worship to return to you some of the monetary riches that you have given to us. While we wait in pensive silence, we are reminded to set our hearts and minds on your steadfast love. You alone are our rock, our fortress, and our salvation. We experience comforting solace in your refuge. Thanks be to God! 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 There Be Peace on Earth”

UM Hymnal No. 431

Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator,  
children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other  
in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me;  
let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment  
and live each moment  
in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Praeludium in G Major”

by J. S. Bach



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: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Pat Norton

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Alicia Owens

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, Camphor Memorial UMC . May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Centenary UMC (Mankato), Centennial UMC (Roseville), Centennial UMC (St Anthony Park), Central UMC (Verndale), Champlin UMC, Chatfield UMC, Cherry Grove UMC (Spring Valley), Chisholm UMC, Christ UMC (Cannon Falls), Christ UMC (Maplewood)
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Central Luzon Philippines Annual Conference, Central Congo Annual Conference, Central Russia 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 Hansen, Joyce Walls, Agnes Danzl, Jack Exline, 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.

### 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 24

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 25

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

Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

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)

Contact [Gail Johnson](#).

Next Sunday, January 31

10:45 am | Church Conference

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.

## Upcoming

Online Lunch and Learn Series



Thursday, February 11, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Meeting ID: 813-2660-1056 Passcode: 5835 [Join](#)

[the zoom Meeting](#) Call-In: 312.626.6799, enter

Meeting ID and Passcode (standard rates may apply)

Join us for light-hearted Valentine's celebration with simple paper crafts, bad puns, a little history of Valentine's day, and a super-easy Valentine's sweet to make. Leading this presentation will be our former pastor, Pam Serdar. This is a hands-on event! You will be mailed an envelope with the necessary craft items. Email [Kay Bergeland](mailto:kbergeland@richfieldumc.org) no later than Feb. 1st at [kbergeland@richfieldumc.org](mailto:kbergeland@richfieldumc.org), to ensure that you will receive the mailing before the February 11th program.

Worship Leader Boot Camp Workshop

Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7:00pm

Meeting ID: 819-9039-0338, Passcode: 5835

Your church is seeking liturgists for worship, both live and prerecorded. Pastor Nate will lead you; All experience levels welcome. To RSVP, please contact Rev. Nate Melcher: 612.399.6272 or [nmelcher@richfieldumc.org](mailto:nmelcher@richfieldumc.org).

## 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

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](#).

## 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](http://richfieldumc.org/live).

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