



February 7, 2021 at 9:30am
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
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**In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.
Mark 1:35**

ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Gavotte”

by P. Martini

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (inspired by Isaiah 40:21-31 and Psalm 147:1-11)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Voice #1: Is anyone here feeling tired?

Paige Armstrong

Voice #2: Yes! I am weary and weighed down with burdens.

Tiffany Holt

All: Take heart! God gives us strength and energy!

Voice #1: Is anyone here hurt or grieving?

Voice #2: Yes! I am wounded and in pain.

All: Take heart! God heals broken hearts.

Voice #1: Is anyone here short on cash, pinched for resources?

Voice #2: Yes! I am overwhelmed with debt and the effort of making ends meet.

All: Take heart! God’s reward is free for the taking.

Voice #1: Is anyone here left out, shunned, outcast?

Voice #2: Yes! I have been pushed to the margins, labeled unworthy of inclusion.

All: Take heart! God is calling your name and waiting to gather you close in love!

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

3. Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hope Hutchison

God of Grace, we confess our reticence. We praise you with enthusiasm on Sunday, but then return to safe clichés about separating religion and politics when we could be proclaiming the messenger of your limitless love. Forgive us, we pray. Hear us now in our silent confessions...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

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

"Hear My Prayer"
Tiffany Holt and Paige Armstrong

by A. Dvorak

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Readings

Mark 1:29-39

NRSV

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring

towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Sermon

“When We’re Stuck & When We Go”
“Origin, Ownership, & Onward” Worship Series 6 of 7

Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UM Hymnal p. 18, Setting B

You are invited to gather elements for Holy Communion with care and delight.

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

God of power and might. **God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, **Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, **hosanna,**

in the highest, **in the highest.**

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, **Christ has died,**

Christ is risen, **Christ is risen,**

Christ will come again! **Christ will come again.**

All honor and glory is your, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen, amen **Amen, amen**

amen **amen.**

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

*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.

Receiving the Sacrament

There is no barrier between you and the table. All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.

Music During Communion

“Thy Secret Place”
Tiffany Holt and Paige Armstrong

by F. Mendelssohn

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

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.

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

“Bread for the Journey”

by Brett Hesla

Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
When our legs are getting heavy,
And we're hanging down our heads,
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.

Guide our way as we travel, guide our way.
Guide our way as we travel, guide our way.
With so many roads before us,
Where to go is hard to say.
Guide our way as we travel, guide our way.

Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
When our legs are getting heavy,
And we're hanging down our heads,
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Prelude to a ‘Te Deum’”

by M. Charpentier



Thank you for worshiping 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 Dierauer, Tiffany Holt
Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison and Rev. Nate Melcher
Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, 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, First UMC: Austin. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Community UMC (Monticello), Coon Rapids UMC, Cornerstone UMC (Lake Crystal), Cornerstone UMC (Marshall), Crane Lake Chapel (Orr), Cromwell UMC, Cross Roads Community UMC (Spicer), Cross Winds UMC (Maple Grove), Crossroads UMC (Elko New Market), Crossroads UMC (Inver Grove Heights).
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Denmark Annual Conference, Desert Southwest Annual Conference, East Ohio 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, Bob Wright, Lynne Alexander, and Laurel Lien.

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.

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

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[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, February 7

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.

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) In the final episode of [God in America](#) see how the "moral majority" intermingled faith and politics in new ways, plus the rise of multiculturalism.

This Thursday, February 11

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 Our presenter is our former pastor, Pam Serdar. Contact [Kay Bergeland](#), with any questions.

Next Sunday, February 14

10:45 am - 12:00 pm | Drive-Thru Joy You are invited to drive by campus after worship to enhance your connection with your church and prepare for Lent.

Drop-Off: Food and health supplies for neighbors in crisis

Pick-Up: The Upper Room devotional, A Lent devotional made up of member submissions, Ashes for Ash Wednesday, and other items for your Lenten journey. Families pick-up items for the Lenten season for children. Surprises, too!

10:45 am | Children's Sunday School

Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

8:00 pm | Youth Group

Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

February 17 at 7:00pm

Online at youtube.com/richfieldumc and by touch tone phone: 1.888.650.5835.

Book & Video Study: Love Is the Way

Fridays in Lent beginning Feb. 19, 10:00am

Meeting ID: 835-1679-2663 Passcode: 5835 Or call in: 312.626.6799 (standard rates may apply) We'll read Bishop Michael Curry's [Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times](#), and watch a series of videos highlighting each chapter. For more information, contact co-leaders Kate Currie: katecurrie2@gmail.com and Meg Spicher: mmspicher19@gmail.com

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



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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