



February 14, 2021 at 9:30am
Transfiguration Sunday
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Crystal Silence”

by Chick Corea

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Garrett Johnson

There are times when God calls us to come and rest, be at peace.

Wisdom meets us like a friend, settling our anxiety and bringing us comfort.

There are times when God comes to us through chaos and disorder.

Love moves like a mighty wind, troubling all efforts to dominate and control.

God brings stillness.

God stirs up.

God is restful and restorative.

God is wild and disruptive.

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.

Centering Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Holy Companion, so much violence is born from our need to control. Every day, fear and uncertainty are weaponized through words, policies, and institutions. In a world that idolizes security, teach us to be open to the gifts of letting go. May we not be reckless with vulnerability, but practice patience with discomfort and solidarity through trouble. 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

"Steal Away to Jesus"

spiritual

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9

NRSV

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Why We Live & Why We Act"
"Origin, Ownership, & Onward" Worship Series 7 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

"Rocky Mountain High"

by John Denver

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

Holy One, we seek your wisdom and guidance. Many people face growing economic uncertainty. The realities of the recession close in on our lives. We experience realities like job loss, deflated investment accounts, increased grocery prices, delayed retirement plans, and mounting debt. Lift us from the depth of self-pity and despair. Save us from overwhelming fear and anger. Free us from the bondage of money. We place this money upon your altar as a gesture of our trust in you. Despite challenging financial times, we give out of our love and gratitude for your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”
Vs. 1 and 4

UM Hymnal No. 703

Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
coming for to carry me home. *Refrain*

The brightest day that I can say,
coming for to carry me home;
when Jesus washed my sins away,
coming for to carry me home. *Refrain*

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Awake My Soul”

by Mumford and Sons



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We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.**

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richfieldumc.org | [Richfield UMC on Facebook](#)
Get on the email list: richfieldumc.org/signup

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Rev. Nate Melcher, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Garrett Johnson, Rev. Hope Hutchison, 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: Windom. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Crossroads UMC (Lakeville), Deer River UMC, Delano UMC, Dent UMC, Detroit Lakes UMC, Dexter UMC, Discovery UMC (Chanhassen), Dodge Center UMC, Douglas UMC (Oronoco).
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: East Congo Annual Conference, East Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, East Zimbabwe Annual Conference, Eastern Angola 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, Lynne Alexander, Laurel Lien, Sherree Stratton, and Ron Doncavage.

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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[Kathy Newbauer](#), Caring For Children Director

[Garrett Johnson](#), Youth Leader

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[Nancy Dierauer](#), Organist/Music Director

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[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 14

Postponed: Drive-Thru Joy originally scheduled for today has been postponed to Tuesday and Wednesday. See below for details.

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

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

This Tuesday & Wednesday, Feb. 16 & 17

4:00 pm–5:00 pm | Drive-Thru Joy
You are invited to drive by campus between 4:00 and 5:00 pm on either Tuesday or Wednesday this week to enhance your connection with your church & prepare for Lent.

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

Pick-Up: The latest Upper Room devotional, a Lent daily devotional with writings from members, other supplies for Lent

This Wednesday, February 17

7:00 pm | Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Online at youtube.com/richfieldumc and by touch tone phone: 1.888.650.5835.

This Friday, February 19

10:00 am | Lenten Book & Video Study: Love Is the Way

Fridays in Lent: February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2 beginning February 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 to further group discussion. For more information, contact co-leaders Kate Currie: katecurrie2@gmail.com and Meg Spicher: mmspicher19@gmail.com

Next Sunday, February 21

10:45 am | CAFÉ-O-RAMA
Meeting ID: 843-4704-2137, Passcode: 5835
A relaxed time to spend with new & old friends.

Beginning Monday, February 22

"Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man"

Mondays in Lent: Feb. 22, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
7:00 pm - 8:15 pm Meeting ID: 910 7366 8546
No password needed. Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91073668546> or by phone: call: 312 626 6799 (standard rates may apply)
Watch and discuss episodes from "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man." In these videos, Emmanuel Acho takes on all the questions, large and small, insensitive and taboo, that many white Americans are afraid to ask.

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 | Morning Book Group
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

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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