



February 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Ash Wednesday
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This Ash Wednesday worship experience is a collaboration of a covenant group of United Methodist clergy and the creative leaders of their churches. May you enter Lent in prayer, song, and practice.



Prelude

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
arr. Jeff Bennett

Kim Peterson
Glendale UMC, Savage

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher
Richfield UMC, Minneapolis

Gathering Prayer

Rev. Kate Payton
Glendale UMC, Savage

Call to Worship (*inspired by Joel 2:1-2, 12-17*)

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard
Hamline UMC, St. Paul

Turn away from the calls of worldly success.

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has.

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from greed and the race for power.

Repent, and turn back to God.

As we enter Lent, may we turn back to God.

May we seek forgiveness, may we seek healing, may we seek wholeness.

May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gathering Song

“Beautiful Things”
Gungor

Dr. Michael Olson
Alyssa Thormodson
Hilltop UMC, Mankato

Practice #1: Release of Burdens

Rev. Katie Matson-Daley
The Beloved UMC, St. Paul

Reflection Song

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”
The Faith We Sing #2112

Paige Armstrong
Nancy Dierauer
Richfield UMC, Minneapolis

Reflection Prayer

adapted from prayer by Jan Richardson

Rev. Whitney Sheridan
Centennial UMC, St. Anthony Park

Practice #2: A Body Prayer of Willingness

Rev. Matt Sipe
Nora Sipe
Michelle Behsman
Hilltop UMC, Mankato

Reflection Song

“I Give Myself Away”
William McDowell

Richard Matson-Daley
The Beloved UMC, St. Paul

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
NRSV

Rev. Jay Jeong
Mounds Park UMC, St. Paul

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Message	“Through the Brokenness”	Rev. Shawna Horn Fairmount Avenue UMC, St. Paul
Reflection Prayer		Rev. Laqaan Malachi North UMC, Minneapolis
Practice #3: Imposition of Ashes		Rev. Kate Payton Rev. Shawna Horn Rev. Laqaan Malachi
Reflection Song	“Reckless Love” Cory Asbury	Boiling Point Centennial UMC, St. Anthony Park
Benediction		Rev. Nate Melcher Richfield UMC, Minneapolis
Postlude	“ <i>Jesu Meine Freude</i> ” J.S. Bach	Daniel Bloomquist Mounds Park UMC, St. Paul



*Thank you for worshiping as the expanded body of Christ.
We hope you had a good experience.*

Tech Assembly and Editing: Rev. Nate Melcher
Boiling Point is: Eric Bjorklund, vocals; Jon Canfield, guitar/vocals; Tucker Petersen, guitar;
Ian Combs, bass; Christopher Becknell, violin; Ryan Cihlar, drums

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All gatherings happen through Zoom online video conferencing unless otherwise noted.

Opportunities in Lent

A Lent Daily Devotional with submission from RUMC members and friends is available to you as you journey through Lent. An electronic copy is available at richfieldumc.org/devo. Or go to facebook.com/richfieldunitedmethodistchurch to enjoy the daily posts there (please like and follow the page and share the posts with your friends). Blessings to you on your Lenten journey.

Lenten Book & Video Study: Love Is the Way

Beginning this Friday, February 19 at 10:00 am

Fridays in Lent: February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2 beginning February 19

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

This Sunday, February 21

9:30 am | First Sunday in Lent - Worship at 9:30 am - youtube.com/richfieldumc

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](#)

"Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man"

Beginning Monday, February 22 from 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Mondays in Lent: February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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)

This Social Justice Study Group will watch and discuss episodes from "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man." In Uncomfortable Conversations With a Black Man, Emmanuel Acho takes on all the questions, large and small, insensitive and taboo, many white Americans are afraid to ask—yet which all Americans need the answers to, now more than ever.

Sunday, February 28

9:30 am | Second Sunday in Lent - Worship at 9:30 am - youtube.com/richfieldumc

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

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

Ongoing and Open Opportunities

1st Mondays of the Month, 1:30-3:00 pm | Women Who Read (WWR)

The next meeting and book: March 1 - "Less" by Andrew Sean Greer

To join by Zoom, email **both** Fern Albertson (WFalbertson@gmail.com) and Molly Reko (mollyreko@gmail.com).

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.

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir

If you are new to choir, contact Paige at parmstrong@richfieldumc.org.

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.