



February 28, 2021 at 9:30am  
Second Sunday in Lent  
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## ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude "God Bless the Child" by Billie Holiday/Arthur Herzog Jr.  
Welcome Rev. Hope Hutchison  
Call to Worship Garrett Johnson

From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord, our God.**  
When we try to tell God what to do,  
Jesus chastens us and leads us back onto the paths of life.  
**Let all who draw breath come back to the Lord.**  
From our earliest steps, the Spirit guides our steps  
and sets before us the ways of life and death.  
**Let the faithful rejoice in the mysteries of our God.**  
From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.  
**Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.**

Gathering Hymn

“Come to the Table”

TFWS Hymnal No. 2264

Come to the table of mercy,  
Prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty,  
Come and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's invitation;  
Receive from His nail-scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation;  
Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Centering Prayer

Marilyn Dodge

Spirit of the ages, name us and claim us according to your purposes, as you once called Abram and Sarai long ago. Train our ears to hear your call, and tune our hearts to open at the sound of your voice. As we pick up our cross to follow you, raise us to newness of life. For you call us to be children of your covenant, heirs with your Son, and disciples of your grace. 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

Sonja and Eva Jackson

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

“In Every Age”

by Janet Sullivan Whitaker

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

NRSV

Then [Jesus] began to teach [the disciples] that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my word in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Sermon

"Day of Commitment"  
"Day by Day" Worship Series 2 of 6

Rev. Hope Hutchison

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

"Tears in Heaven"

by Eric Clapton

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

Redeeming Lord, we find it extremely difficult to deny ourselves. Our relationships and our future aspirations often seem absent of glorifying your holy name. Instead, we deceive ourselves into equating good works with faithful discipleship. The Gospel reminds us that we are called to bridge the gap between casual commitment and true discipleship. We give this offering as a way to move toward closer discipleship with you. In Jesus's 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

“Be Still My Soul”  
Vs. 1 and 2

UM Hymnal No. 534

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future, as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”  
by James Weldon Johnson/J. Rosamond Johnson



Thank you for worshiping 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: Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Marilyn Dodge, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Eva Jackson, Sonja Jackson,  
Garrett Johnson, Peyton 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, Southern Hills UMC. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Emily UMC, Epworth UMC (Minneapolis), Erskine UMC, Evangel UMC (Rochester), Evangelical UMC (Waterville), Excelsior UMC, Fairfax UMC, Fairmont UMC, Fairmount Avenue UMC (Saint Paul).
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Finland-Finnish Provisional Annual Conference, Finland-Swedish Provisional Annual Conference, Florida Annual Conference, Germany East 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, Ron Doncavage, Rob Matheus, brother of Randy Matheus, Lenny Klosinski, uncle of Steve Klosinski, Mitzi Taylor, and Sharon Morrow.

### 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

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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 28

10:45 am | Children's Sunday School

Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

8:00 pm | Youth Group

Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

Tomorrow, Monday, March 1

**"Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man"**

Mondays in Lent: 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)

This Social Justice Study Group will 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, many white Americans are afraid to ask—yet which all Americans need the answers to, now more than ever.

This Friday, March 5

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

Fridays in Lent: 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](mailto:katecurrie2@gmail.com) and Meg Spicher:

[mmspicher19@gmail.com](mailto:mmspicher19@gmail.com)

Next Sunday, March 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. It's like coffee in The Commons...except you bring your own coffee! CAFÉ-O-RAMA is held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays.

**Lent Daily Devotional**

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](http://richfieldumc.org/devo). Or go to [facebook.com/richfieldunitedmethodistchurch](https://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.

## 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](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.

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