



March 7, 2021 at 9:30am
Third Sunday in Lent
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Pathetique Sonate”

by L. van Beethoven/arr. R. Tall

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Called by Christ,
we gather as one.
Blessed by God’s wisdom,
we gather to learn.
Amazed by God’s love,
we gather to worship.

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession (inspired by 1 Corinthians 1 and John 2)

When we set up barriers that prevent others from knowing the truth of your love, forgive us and break down those walls. When we set up barriers in our own minds and lives that keep us from knowing the truth of your love, break down our walls with your grace. When we are confused by the world's wisdom, break through our muddled minds and shine the clarity of your teachings. Draw us ever closer to you, to one another, and to the beauty of your wisdom and your love. Hear us now in our silent prayer...

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

"Someone Is Knocking at My Door"
Paige Armstrong, soloist

by M. Hogan

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

NRSV

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing

this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Sermon

“Day of Truth”
“Day by Day” Worship Series 3 of 6

Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

TFWS Hymnal No. 2257

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;

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”
Paige Armstrong, soloist

arr. M. Hogan

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

“Sanctuary”

TFWS Hymnal No. 2164

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Christ Who Saved Us”

by J. S. Bach



**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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Get on the email list: richfieldumc.org/signup

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer
Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison and Rev. Nate Melcher
Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson and TY Moore

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, Brooklyn UMC . May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Faith UMC (Eyota), Faith UMC (Farmington), Faith UMC (Olivia), Faith UMC (St Anthony), Faith UMC (Sleepy Eye), Faith UMC (Spring Valley), Faith UMC (Waseca), Faith UMC (West Saint Paul), Faith United (Ada), Faith Vietnamese Fellowship (Eden Prairie)
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2021. This week we pray for: Germany North Annual Conference, Germany South Annual Conference, Greater New Jersey 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, 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.

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, 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!

8:00 pm | Youth Group

Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

Tomorrow, Monday, March 8

“Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man”

Mondays in Lent: March 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 the questions, large and small, insensitive and taboo, many white Americans are afraid to ask.

This Thursday, March 11

1:00 pm | Lunch and Learn: Kitchen Tips to Make Your Everyday Meals Shine

Meeting ID: 813-2660-1056 Passcode: 5835

Call-In: 312-626-6799, then enter

Meeting ID and Passcode (standard rates may apply)

Join us for this program aimed to help the home cook expand upon the basics and the simple touches that give home cooking that restaurant snap. It will be a free-flowing conversation with ample time for questions throughout the hour as well! Our speaker will be chef and cooking instructor, Terry John Zila.

This Friday, March 12

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

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

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, March 14

2:00 am | Daylight Saving Time Begins

Remember to "Spring Forward" by turning your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

10:45 am | Children's Sunday School

Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

A Lent Daily Devotional is available. An electronic copy is available at [here](#). Or go to [our Facebook page](#) for daily posts.

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

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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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