



March 28, 2021 at 9:30am
Palm/Passion Sunday
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude "Toccata on 'All Glory Laud and Honor'" by M. Burkhardt

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (Psalm 118, Philippians 2) Rev. Hope Hutchison

O give thanks to our God, who is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
For Christ has opened the gates of righteousness, that we may enter.
He has emptied himself for love of us.
Christ took human form, that we might know we are known.
Holy One, you are our God,
and we give thanks to you.
We give thanks to our God, who is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]
2. The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. [Refrain]
5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]

Centering Prayer (Mark 11, Philippians 2)

God of love and mercy, open our hearts to your presence as we worship you this day. Whether our prayers are filled with celebration or with loud cries and tears, remind us that you are the source of our eternal salvation. Give us the strength to respond faithfully to your transforming love, that the joy of your salvation might shine in and through us all. Wipe away our wrongdoing, clean our hearts, and make us more perfect. For it is in your perfect love that we are drawn more fully into your image. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

Breakthrough Prayer

Michael Watne

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

Bea Melcher

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

"Let the People Shout Hosanna!"
Virtual Chancel Choir

by Alex Gartner

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-11

NRSV

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it

and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Holy Daylight”
“Day by Day” Worship Series 6 of 6

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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Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
Choir Ensemble

by A. Crouch

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

Blessed Lord, we are moved to be your faithful disciples. Like the palms laid long ago in honor of your Son, we present these gifts for your reverent design. We proclaim that your sovereign existence will transform the lives of all who believe in your Son, Jesus Christ. Hosanna in the Highest! 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

Solo

“Give Me Jesus”
Paige Armstrong, soloist

Trad. Spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan

Benediction

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

Postlude

“When We Are in Deepest Need”

by J. S. Bach



Thank you for worshipping 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: Paige Armstrong, Scott Clarke, Nancy Dierauer, Tiffany Holt, Jan Kirchner, Gretta Thorson, and the Virtual Chancel Choir

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Bea Melcher, Rev. Nate Melcher, Michael Watne

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson (video), TY Moore (audio), Rev. Nate Melcher (editor), Dale Olson (video)

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 2022. This week we pray for: Fleming UMC (McGregor), Forbes UMC (Proctor), Forest Hills UMC (Forest Lake), Fosston UMC, Fountain UMC, Fourth Avenue UMC (Faribault), Frazee UMC, Freshwaters UMC (Princeton), Fridley UMC
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. 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, Lynne Alexander, Laurel Lien, Rob Matheus, brother of Randy Matheus, Lenny Klosinski, uncle of Steve Klosinski, Mitzi Taylor, Sharon Morrow, David Berner’s father, Wilber Berner, Brain Boardman, Bob Wright, Russ Ruona, and Michelle and Reid, sister and brother-in-law of John Meeker.

Prayers for Comfort:

All those in hospice and their families.

Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

The Alexander and Currie families in the death of Meg Alexander. A service will be planned at a later date.

Linda Wilkins in the death of her son, Douglas Wilkins.

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

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

[Garrett Johnson](#), Youth Leader

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

[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 28—Palm Sunday

10:45 am | Children's Sunday School

Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

8:00 pm | Youth Group

Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

This Thursday, April 1

7:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Worship Service

During this online worship service we remember the special night when Jesus demonstrated a servant heart by washing his disciples' feet and sharing in the Last Supper as he gave them - and us - a "new commandment. You are invited to gather the elements for Holy Communion with care and delight.

This Friday, April 2

7:00 pm | Good Friday Online Worship Service

A day draped in shadow, we acknowledge the pain and loss in our lives. This powerful worship service recounting the story of the crucifixion of Jesus in scripture and music as we behold all that is before us at the foot of the cross.

This Saturday, April 3

7:00 pm | Holy Saturday Worship Service

A day draped in shadow, we acknowledge the pain and loss in our lives. This powerful worship service recounting the story of the crucifixion of Jesus in scripture and music as we behold all that is before us at the foot of the cross.

Next Sunday, April 4—Easter Day

9:30 am | Easter Day Online Worship Service

Celebrate the risen Christ - the hope of the world! - with worship filled with brass, organ, scripture, confetti, and song!

"So Many Questions!" Summer Worship Series

We have so many questions about God, the Bible, faith, church, and life. Please email your question(s) by Easter Sunday, April 4 to Pastor Nate at nmelcher@richfieldumc.org.

Beginning Saturday, April 10

10:30-11:45 am | Saturday Morning Book Group

Meeting ID: 910-7366-8546, no password needed. Join us at: <https://zoom.us/j/91073668546>. Contact Gail Johnson, 612-250-1736 or gailjohnson417@gmail.com for more information. We will read *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. Rohr understands that many of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the author explains why the second half of life can and should be full of spiritual richness.

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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