



April 4, 2021 at 9:30am  
Easter Day  
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## ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Canzona”

by G. Gabrielli

“Concerto in C, Mvt. 1”

by A. Vivaldi

Rich Frevert and Grant Jensen

“Dance Prelude on ‘Thine Be the Glory’”

by G. F. Handel/arr. K. Grinnell

Blessing

“For Morning Anxiety”

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Rev. Hope Hutchison

God meets us at the sites of life’s bleakest encounters.

**God captures our attention from the grips of despair.**

Hope catches us by surprise, in miracles ordinary and extravagant.

**In the way something holy lingers, even after death.**

In the people’s persistence toward liberation of life.

**In companionship through sorrow, no one left alone.**

Faithfully, love rises to reassure us: Christ lives!

**God is alive. God is with us. We rejoice!**

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## Centering Prayer

Holy Mystery, your presence is a wonder. Rolling open the tombs within and around us, you declare life where we thought there was only death. May your Spirit move among us, awakening us to the possibilities that persist. Possibilities for joy, for new life, and for the mending of the world. On this Easter Sunday of holy resurrection, hear us in our Breakthrough Prayer, a prayer that calls for holy resurrection in the life of this church:

## Breakthrough Prayer

The People of Richfield UMC

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

The Children of Richfield UMC

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

"Behold the Risen Savior!"  
Virtual Chancel Choir

by Lloyd Larson

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## Scripture in Context

### Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

NRSV

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

### Sermon

"Holy Dawn"  
"Day by Day" Worship Series

Rev. Nate Melcher

### Special Easter Giving

*You are invited to make a financial gift to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Your special Easter offering helps your church plan for the future of ministry and supports critical hunger ministries as part of your church's efforts for Minnesota FoodShare. Please return your special giving envelope or make a special offering gift today at [richfieldumc.org/give](http://richfieldumc.org/give).*

### Offertory

"He Is Risen"  
Paige Armstrong, soloist

by Larry Sale

### Doxology

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Prayer of Gratitude

Garrett Johnson

Majestic One, today we celebrate the miracle that was created for all who are ready to receive. Your absolute decree of the Risen Son reminds us that our faith is connected intimately to your amazing, unwavering love. The unconditional love that you repeatedly uplift is our reminder to love all of your children. Multiply these gifts so the promises of a seemingly distant heaven become more of a reality on Earth. Glory Hallelujah! Amen and 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

“Thine Be the Glory”  
Vs. 1 and 3

UM Hymnal No. 308

1. **Thine be the glory,risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

*Refrain:*

**Thine be the glory,risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

3. **No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]**

Celebration of Easter

The Children of Richfield UMC

He is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed!**

Benediction

Even in a world aching with loss,  
and crying out for repair,  
the joy of Christ alive is our steady companion.

**The same Spirit that has sustained hope through the centuries  
promises to see us through these days.**

That we might hang on to beauty,  
fight for justice,  
and celebrate the gifts of loving and being loved,  
we go proclaiming our hallelujahs.

**Our Christ is risen. Our hope is eternal.**

He is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

He is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

He is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

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

Postlude

“Toccata in F”

by C. M. Widor



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

## **Worship Team:**

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Vocalists: Paige Armstrong, Brad Gardner, Pat Norton, Gretta Thorson,

Instrumentalists: Chris Allen, Lara Dietrich, Nancy Dierauer, Rich Frevert, Grant Jensen,  
Rev. Bill Johnson

Page-Turner Extraordinaire: John Dierauer

Liturgists: Daniella Callahan, Denver Callahan, Brennan Currie, Cameron Currie,  
Brantley Gaertner, Knox Gaertner, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Ava Jackson, Sonja Jackson,  
Garrett Johnson, Randy Matheus, Bea Melcher, Gertie Melcher, Rev. Nate Melcher,  
Aubrey Nelson, Tanner Nelson, Buerkley Owens, London Owens, Peyton Owens,  
Michael Watne, Paul Watne, Sara Watne, Emily White, Morgan White

Tech Crew: TY Moore, Rev. Bill Johnson, Garrett Johnson, 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 2022. This week we pray for: Gethsemane UMC (Lino Lakes), Gilbert UMC, Glendale UMC (Savage), Glenville UMC, Glenwood United Parish, Good Samaritan UMC (Edina), Grace UMC (Burnsville), Grace UMC (Fergus Falls), Grace UMC (Moorhead), Grace UMC (Paynesville)
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Kivu Provisional Annual Conference, Liberia Annual Conference, Louisiana Annual Conference
- Children near and far, all beloved of God. May all be shown safety, stability, and care.
- Our church’s people, elected leaders, paid staff, and partners. May the Spirit break through.
- Resurrection in every life, in every time, in every place, and in every way!

### **Prayers for Healing:**

Paula Milani, Marylee Fithian, Bonnie Freese, Maxene Schwanke, Jan Hansen, Joyce Walls, Agnes Danzl, Sara Watne’s sisters, Hope and Lora, Rexi Warner’s friend, Heidi, Lynne Alexander, Laurel Lien, Lenny Klosinski, uncle of Steve Klosinski, Mitzi Taylor, David Berner’s father, Wilber Berner, Brian Boardman, Bob Wright, Michele and Reid, sister and brother-in-law of John Meeker, and James York, father-in-law of Randy Matheus.

**Prayers for Comfort:** All those in hospice and their families.

### **Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:**

Sherree Stratton in the death of her sister, Dawn.

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](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**

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## Connect as Richfield UMC

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

### Today, April 4—Easter Day

Today's the final day to submit questions for the "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 today, April 4 to Pastor Nate at [nmelcher@richfieldumc.org](mailto:nmelcher@richfieldumc.org).

### This Thursday, April 8

1:00 to 2:00 pm | Lunch and Learn Online Series: The Biology of Resurrection

[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 813-2660-1056 Passcode: 5835  
Call-In: 312-626-6799, then enter Meeting ID and Passcode (standard rates may apply)

We continue the Resurrection celebration with our April Lunch and Learn program titled, "The Biology of Resurrection. We will discuss the fascinating ability of organisms to revive after drying and what it means about the nature of life. Our speaker is Stephen G. Saupe, PhD, a Professor in the joint biology department of the College of St. Benedict & St. John's University.

### Beginning this Saturday, April 10

10:30-11:45 am | Saturday Morning Book Group  
Meeting ID: 910-7366-8546, no password needed. [Join the Zoom Meeting](#) Contact Gail Johnson, [gailjohnson417@gmail.com](mailto:gailjohnson417@gmail.com) or 612-250-1736 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.

### Next Sunday, April 11

The Minnesota Annual Conference has a fresh worship service with leaders from across the state! You will have the opportunity to hear Bishop Bard preach on the story of Thomas and the resurrected Jesus in the Upper Room.

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

### Mark Your Calendars for Summer Fun

Free Outdoor Neighborhood Movie Nights

Wednesdays this Summer at dusk  
June 30—July 28 enjoy PG rated movies outdoors on the church campus.

Vacation Bible School Online

July 12-16, 9:00 am—12:00 pm Optional In-Person Activities—Children K-6th graders will enjoy this VBS. Contact Rev. Hope Hutchison at 612.568.6774 or [hhutchison@richfieldumc.org](mailto:hhutchison@richfieldumc.org).

Community Carnival Aug. 21, 10 am-12:30 pm

## 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](#).

## 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](http://richfieldumc.org/live).

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