



April 11, 2021 at 9:30am  
 Second Sunday of Easter  
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## ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

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| Prelude            | “Come and Find the Quiet Center”<br>Eileen Miller, Hamline Church UMC, St. Paul | by Shirley Erena Murray          |
| Welcome            |   | Rev. Nate Melcher                |
| Call to Worship    |   | Minnesota United Methodists      |
|                    | He is risen!<br><b>He is risen, indeed!</b>                                     |                                  |
| Gathering Hymn     | “Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)”<br>Centennial UMC Band—St. Anthony Park campus   | by Brian Johnson, et.al.         |
| Time with Children |   | Rev. Hope Hutchison              |
| Sharing the Peace  |   | Buerkley and London Owens        |
|                    | May the peace of God be with you.<br><b>And also with you.</b>                  |                                  |
|                    | <i>Please greet your neighbor with a sign of peace.</i>                         |                                  |
| Celebration Music  | “Unstoppable God”<br>Centennial UMC Band—St. Anthony Park campus                | by C. Brown, S. Furtick, W. Joye |

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-29

NRSV

Members of the Extended Cabinet  
of the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church  
ASL interpretation: Joanne Coffin-Langdon

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

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

Sermon "Dead as a Doornail, Alive as Beauty" Bishop David S. Bard

Prayers of the People "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth  
Jenni and Rev. Cullen Tanner, Roots and Branches UMC, Anoka  
Rev. Cindy Gregorson, Director of Connectional Ministries

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Offertory "Morning Has Broken" by Eleanor Farjeon  
Jennie and Rev. Cullen Tanner, Roots and Branches UMC, Anoka  
Photos from Minnesota United Methodists

## THANKSGIVING

Blessing and Sending Forth Rev. Cynthia Williams  
River Valley District Superintendent

## SENDING FORTH

Song "How Great Thou Art" by Stuart Wesley Keen Hine  
Centennial UMC Band—St. Anthony Park campus



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](http://richfieldumc.org/signup)

## **Worship Team:**

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Centennial UMC - St. Anthony Park campus (St. Paul) worship band, Eileen Miller of Hamline UMC (St. Paul), Jenni and Rev. Cullen Tanner of Roots & Branches UMC (Anoka)

Liturgists: Bishop David S. Bard, Joanne Coffin-Langdon, Rev. Cindy Gregorson, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Rev. Cynthia Williams, the MAC Extended Cabinet, Minnesota United Methodists

Tech Crew: Rev. Cullen Tanner and the MAC Communications Team (MAC service), Rev. Nate Melcher (editing)

## **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 church’s MCCI journey. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Grace UMC (Pequot Lakes), Grace UMC (Saint Cloud), Grace UMC (Vernon Center), Grace UMC (Warren), Graham UMC (Rice), Grand Rapids UMC, Grey Eagle UMC, Hamline Church UM (Saint Paul), Harmony UMC
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Lukoshi Annual Conference, Malawi Provisional Conference, Memphis Annual Conference, Michigan 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, Sara Watne’s sisters, Hope and Lora, Rexi Warner’s friend, Heidi, Laurel Lien, Lenny Klosinski, uncle of Steve Klosinski, Mitzi Taylor, David Berner’s father, Wilber Berner, Brian Boardman, Bob Wright, Reid, brother-in-law of John Meeker, James York, father-in-law of Randy Matheus, and Bev Crandall.

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

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

John Meeker and family in the death of John’s sister, Michele.

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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[Kay Bergeland RN](mailto:kay@richfieldumc.org), Parish Nurse

## Connect as Richfield UMC

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

**Today, April 11**

**10:45 am | Children's Sunday School**

Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

**Tomorrow, Monday, March 12**

### Monday Book Group

7:00 to 8:15 pm

**"I'm Black, I'm Christian, I'm Methodist."**

Mondays beginning April 12 through May 17

Meeting ID: 910 7366 8546

No password needed. Join Zoom the Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/91073668546> or by

phone, call: 312 626 6799 (standard rates may apply)

On Apr. 12 we'll talk about the Introduction and view excerpts of a webinar with the authors.

This group is open to anyone with an interest.

In *I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist.*,

edited by Rudy Rasmus, ten Black women and men explore life through the lens of compelling personal religious narratives. They are people and leaders whose lives are tangible demonstrations of the power of a divine purpose and evidence of what grace really means in face of hardship, disappointment, and determination. This book is available [here](#) or at other book retailers.

**Continues this Saturday, April 17**

**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. **It's not too late to join in reading and discussing *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr This coming Saturday is only the 2nd session.** 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 18**

**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!

**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.

## Families Moving Forward

This week Richfield UMC is partnering with Park Avenue UMC and Living Spirit UMC to provide evening meals for four families experiencing homelessness. Through our relationship with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative we are providing evening meals Monday through Friday to the families staying in a hotel in Chanhassen. Dinners are generally ordered from restaurants, picked up, and delivered to the hotel. Our church has also agreed to do grocery shopping for items needed for breakfasts and lunches for our week of hosting and delivery to the program center in Chaska. We are blessed with adequate unpaid servant volunteers for this week. **Please pray for these families experiencing homelessness and for the volunteers.**



### Check-In

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### Worship by Touch Tone Phone

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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](#).

### 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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