



April 18, 2021 at 9:30am—Third Sunday of Easter
Native American Ministries Sunday
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude	“Aria”	by G. F. Handel
Land Acknowledgment		Rev. Nate Melcher
Welcome		Rev. Dawn Houser Chairperson of the Committee On Native American Ministry of the MN Conference of the United Methodist Church
Gathering Hymn	“Amazing Grace” Vs. 1, 2, 6	UM Hymnal No. 378

1. **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost,
but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**
2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved; how precious did
that grace appear the hour I first believed.**
6. **When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun, we've no less days
to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23
*Translation by Isabel Crawford
Missionary to the Indians of the plains*

Rev. Paula Gaboury

The Great Father above is a shepherd Chief.
I am His and with Him I want not.
He throws out to me a rope and the name of the rope is love and
He draws me to where the grass is green
and the water not dangerous,
and I eat and lie down and am satisfied.
Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down but
He lifts me up again and draws me into a good road.
His name is WONDERFUL.
Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long time.
He will draw me into a valley.
It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not,
for it is in between those mountains
that the Shepherd Christ will meet me
and the hunger that I have in my heart
all through this life will be satisfied.
He gives me a staff to lean upon.
He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods.
He puts His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone.
My cup He fills till it runs over.
What I tell is true. I lie not.
These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after; and
afterwards I will go to live in the great house and sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever.

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1-3

NRSV

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Time with Children

"The Legend of *The Lady Slipper*"

Dani Owen

Sermon

"The Heartbeat of the God's Creation"

Rev. Dawn Houser

Prayers of the People

Rev. Guy Sederski

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Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow" (Old Hundredth)

UM Hymnal No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Gratitude

Cindy Saufferer

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

UM Hymnal No. 672

1. God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)
3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)
4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

Benediction

Before us it is blessed.
Behind us it is blessed.
Below us it is blessed.
Above us it is blessed.
Around us it is blessed as we set out with Creator.
Our speech is blessed as we set out for our Creator.
With beauty before me,
with beauty behind me,
with beauty below me,
with beauty above me,
with beauty around me,
I set out for a holy place indeed.
~ A Navajo prayer tradition

Postlude

“Rondo in G”

by J. Bull



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Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Aitkin UMC Online Choir, Nancy Dierauer, Edie Orazem

Liturgists: Rev. Paula Gaboury (United Church of Two Harbors UMC & PCUSA), Rev. Dawn Houser (Aitkin UMC), Rev. Kathy King (Evangelical UMC Waterville / Blooming Grove UMC Medford / Janesville UMC), Bill Konrardy (Lake Harriet UMC), Rev. Nate Melcher, Dani Owen (Aitkin UMC), Cindy Saufferer (Blooming Grove UMC), Rev. Guy Sederski (Spirit River Community UMC Isanti / West Bethel UMC), Nyomi Stone (Janesville UMC)

Tech Crew: Rev. Dawn Houser (CONAM service editing), 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 fellow MCCI church, Southern Hills UMC. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Hawick UMC, Hawley UMC, Hector UMC, Hennepin Avenue UMC (Minneapolis), Henning UMC, Herman UMC, Heron Lake UMC (Lakefield), Hewitt UMC, Hill City UMC, Hillcrest UMC (Bloomington).
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Middle Philippines Annual Conference, Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, Minnesota 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, Bev Crandall, Caroline Riley, and Sharon Morrow.

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

Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

Clarice Lien, and her son (and former RUMC member), Dan Lien, in the sudden death of his wife, Kristen, on March 23.

The family and friends of Judy Znerold, former RUMC member, who died April 3. A private service is planned in Des Moines.

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

Sherree Stratton in the death of her sister, Dawn.

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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Connect as Richfield UMC

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

Tomorrow, Monday, March 19

7:00 to 8:15 pm | Monday Book Group "I'm Black, I'm Christian, I'm Methodist."

Mondays 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. 19 we'll talk about chapters 1 and 2.

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. Individuals 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.

Next Sunday, April 25

10:45 am | Children's Sunday School

Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

Ongoing and Open

Women Who Read (WWR)

1:30-3:00 pm | 1st Mondays of the Month

Open to all women who enjoy reading and discussing books. The next meeting is May 3 when we'll discuss, "A Discovery of Witches" by Deborah Harkness. To join by Zoom, email **both** Fern Albertson (WFalbertson@gmail.com) and Molly Reko (mollyreko@gmail.com).

Women's Bible Study

9:30-11:00 am | Tuesdays

There is plenty of food for thought in scripture, for as old as the scriptures are, they are alive with truth for these days. Try something new—this is a group of Women who will welcome you! Contact Molly Reko, 612-270-4700, our Zoom coordinator, or Ruth Phelps, 952-929-1595, leader.

Men's Bible Study

9:00-10:00 am | Wednesdays

Meeting ID: 954-3527-6775, Passcode: 5835
Or call in: 312.626.6799 (standard rates may apply) This growing group continues to welcome new men to the table for a time to study the Bible and offer one another support.

Men's Support Group

8:30 am | Saturdays Contact [Kent Johnson](#) to get connected.

Sunday, May 2

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!



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