



May 2, 2021 at 9:30am—Fifth Sunday of Easter  
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## ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Lady Bug Waltz”  
Buerkley Owens

(bold = in unison)  
by M. Mier

“Gentle Breeze”  
London Owens

by C. Miller

Welcome

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Call to Worship

Rev. Nate Melcher

Provocative and surprising is the God of resurrection!  
**How wonderful are the strange ways of God.**  
Making holy our sorrow...  
**God births life from death.**  
Disavowing power that threatens and destroys,  
**God is a force of justice, transformative and restoring.**  
The peculiar practices of God unsettle and confuse.  
**Whatever shape love will take, it is welcome in this place.**

Gathering Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
Vs. 1 and 4

UM Hymnal No. 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

## Prayer of Confession

Source of love and life, your glory knows no bounds. We yearn to set aside our fears, but we are often afraid. We long to love our siblings, but we often feel alienated from them. We desire to abide in you as you abide in us, but we can't seem to figure out how. Show us once more how to love, for only love can cast out our fear. Show us how to love one another well, for only then can we truly know you. Show how to abide in your vine, for only then can we bear the fruit that glorifies your name. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

## 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

"Amazing Love"  
Paige Armstrong, soloist

by D. Forest

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## Scripture in Context

## Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Creator is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Creator is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

## Sermon

"Jesus and Ethics"  
"Scope & Sequence" Worship Series 4 of 8

Rev. Hope Hutchison

# THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Musical Setting C, UM Hymnal pp. 20-22

*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.**

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full,**

**full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest,**

**hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest,**

**hosanna in the highest.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

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

**Amen, amen, amen, amen.**

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.*

Receiving the Sacrament

*There is no barrier between you and the table. All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.*

Music During Communion

**"My Heart Ever Faithful"**  
Paige Armstrong, soloist

by J. S. Bach

## 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

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”  
Vs. 2 and 3

UM Hymnal No. 544

2. To the members of Christ's body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,  
to her midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
  
3. With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

### Benediction

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

Postlude

“Allegro” (from “Water Music”)

by G. F. Handel



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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## **Worship Team:**

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Buerkley Owens, London Owens

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison and Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: 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, Camphor Memorial UMC. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Hope UMC (Duluth), Hope UMC (Faribault), Hubbard UMC (Park Rapids), Iglesia Piedra Viva (Minneapolis), Immanuel UMC (Corcoran), Immanuel UMC (Winona), Jackson UMC, Janesville UMC, Jasper UMC (Minneapolis), Jeffers UMC
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Mozambique South Annual Conference, New England Annual Conference, New Mexico Annual Conference, New York 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, 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, Caroline Riley, Sharon Morrow, SK and Susan Johnson’s friend, Mike Hawley, Richard and Kathy, brother and sister-in-law of Marilyn Dodge, and Mary Martha Butler.

### **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](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, 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!

#### New Regathering Survey

The survey will go out later today to those with an email address on-file and arrangements will be made for those not online. Please take the survey through your email link by Tue., May 11.

#### 4:00 pm | Youth Group

Meet in front of the church near the parking lot. We will clean up the church campus. For this event, the whole family is invited to come and join us. Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

### Tomorrow, Monday, May 3

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

Mondays thru 5/17, Meeting ID: 91073668546 No password needed. Join Zoom the Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91073668546> or by phone, call: 312 626 6799 (standard rates may apply) This group is open to anyone with an interest.

### Next Sunday, May 9

We will be joined by special guest, renowned storyteller Kevin Kling. You may have heard him on NPR and on television and even at RUMC a few years ago. Kevin will be joined by his long time collaborator Victor Zupanc (our Living Waters music director) and together they will put a warm glow on everyone's Mother's Day.

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

Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

### New Opportunities

#### Indigenous Sacred Sites Tour

Contact Pastor Nate by May 9 if you are interested. [nmelcher@richfieldumc.org](mailto:nmelcher@richfieldumc.org) or 612.399.6272 Church Mobile

The Sacred Sites tour is of locations around what is now the Twin Cities metro that are of cultural and religious significance to Indigenous Peoples. Cost is \$60/person (scholarships available).

#### Pilgrimage to George Floyd Square

Contact Pastor Nate by May 9 if you are interested. We will try to set up a pilgrimage to happen prior to May 25, the one-year anniversary of George Floyd's death.

#### Are You Ready For Membership at RUMC?

Contact Pastor Nate by May 9 if you are interested. This spring, we will welcome new members to this church. Learn about membership at [richfieldumc.org/membership](http://richfieldumc.org/membership).

### Ongoing and Open

**1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read**  
May 3: *A Discovery of Witches* by D. Harkness  
Contact, email **both** [Fern Albertson](#) and [Molly Reko](#)

**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.



#### Check-In

Help your church track 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.  
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