



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

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Mama Liked the Roses”

by Johnny Christopher

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Breakthrough Prayer

Peyton Owens

**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.*

Gathering Hymn

“A Mother Lined a Basket”  
Vs. 1, 2, and 4

TFWS Hymnal No. 2189

**A mother lined a basket to keep her baby dry,  
then rocked him on a river, lest he awake and cry.  
She let a princess name him her son that he might live.  
God's people had a leader. She had such hope to give.**

**A mother sewed a jacket, lined in the softest wool,  
then dressed her little boy-child, her cup of blessing full.  
She brought him to the temple where he would serve and live.  
God's people had a prophet. She had such faith to give.**

**Like Jochebed and Hannah, and Mary too, we know  
the hardest part of loving is learning to let go,  
so when we send our children out in the world to live,  
grant us such hope and faith, God, and love enough to give.**

Time with Children

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Sharing the Peace

Aubrey and Tanner Nelson

May the peace of God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please greet your neighbor with a sign of peace.*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

As the Creator has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Creator's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Creator. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Creator will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Sermon

"Jesus and Love"  
"Scope & Sequence" Worship Series 5 of 8

Rev. Nate Melcher

Celebration Music

"Something"

by George Harrison

Story

"Love and Mothers"

Kevin Kling

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

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Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

"Woman"

by John Lennon

Prayers of Gratitude

Holy One, we desire to be sanctified in your grace like the disciples whom Jesus commissioned with your word. We do not want to squander our lives and resources on meaningless consumption. Open our hearts and our hands to respond to giving appeals in a generous manner. Give us the courage to embrace a lifestyle centered in your teaching, rather than one dictated by marketing trends or unhealthy spending habits. We offer you these gifts as an act of responding to you in faith.

# THANKSGIVING

A Mother's Day Prayer for All Women

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

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.

## SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

"On This Day, O Beautiful Mother"

by Louis Lambillotte

Refrain:

On this day, O beautiful Mother,  
On this day we give thee our love.  
Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,  
Trusting thy gentle care to prove.

On this day we ask to share,  
Dearest Mother, thy sweet care;  
Aid us ere our feet astray  
Wander from thy guiding way. [Refrain]

Queen of angels, deign to hear  
Thy dear children's humble prayer;  
Young hearts gain, O virgin pure,  
Jesus' love for them assure. [Refrain]

Benediction

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

Postlude

"Love Me Tender"

by Elvis Presley



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

Richfield UMC gathers on Dakota land. More at [richfieldumc.org/land](https://richfieldumc.org/land).

## Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Kevin Kling, Rev. Nate Melcher, Aubrey Nelson, Tanner Nelson, Peyton Owens

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, Coon Rapids UMC. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Joyful Spirit UMC (Wadena), Kabetogama UMC (Orr), Kasson UMC, Kellogg UMC (Elgin), Kenyon UMC, Kimball UMC, Korean Evangelical UMC (Hopkins), Korean Fellowship (Mankato), Korean UMC of Minnesota (Minneapolis).
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: North Alabama Annual Conference, North Carolina Annual Conference, North Central Philippines Annual Conference, North Georgia 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.

### Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

CFC teacher Blanca Jara and family in the death of Blanca’s aunt, Paula

Sandy Nelson and family and friends of Rev. Jim Nelson as they grieve. A livestreamed service will be held on Sunday, May 23 at 4:00 pm. The livestream link is [youtube.com/richfieldumc](https://youtube.com/richfieldumc). Please do not come to the church building, thanks for understanding.

### 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](https://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

[Rev. Nate Melcher](mailto:nate@richfieldumc.org), Senior Pastor | 612.399.6272

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## Connect as Richfield UMC

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

**Today, May 9**

### New Regathering Survey

If you would like to complete the survey but did not get an invitation via email on May 2, please [click/tap here](#). Be sure to complete it before 11:59 pm on May 11. Thanks for participating.

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

**4:00 pm | Youth Group at 4:00 pm**  
*Campus Clean-Up: rescheduled from last Sunday due to rain.* Meet in the church parking lot. For this event, the whole family is invited to come and join us. Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

### New Opportunities

**Please contact Pastor Nate by today, May 9** if you are interested in any of these three opportunities. [nmelcher@richfieldumc.org](mailto:nmelcher@richfieldumc.org) or 612.399.6272 Church Mobile

#### Indigenous Sacred Sites Tour

Visit locations around the Twin Cities that are of cultural and religious meaning to Indigenous Peoples. Tours are in groups of 15 and are \$60 per person (scholarships available).

#### Pilgrimage to George Floyd Square

We will set up a pilgrimage by 5/25, the one-year anniversary of Mr. Floyd's death.

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

This spring, we will welcome new members. Learn about membership at [here](#).

**This Thursday, May 13**

**1:00-2:00 pm | Lunch and Learn Remembering Patsy—[Join the meeting](#)**  
Meeting ID: 813-2660-1056 Passcode: 5835  
Call-In: 312-626-6799, then enter Meeting ID and Passcode (standard rates may apply)  
Welcome back Mary Hall, to our Lunch and Learn stage. She will share some of Patsy Cline's iconic songs and tidbits about Patsy's life.

**Sunday, May 23**

**10:30 am - 12:00 pm | Food Drive**  
This food drive is for the West African Food Pantry of our fellow MCCI church, Brooklyn UMC. Please see the [May/June Heartline Newsletter](#) for a shopping list. Then, drive-thru at the church on May 23rd to drop off your donations. Monetary donations also welcome.

**Sunday, June 6**

**10:30 am | [Semi-Annual Meeting](#) followed immediately by [CAFE-O-RAMA](#)**  
Meeting ID: 843-4704-2137, Passcode: 5835  
Or call in: 312.626.6799 (standard rates may apply)  
There will be a brief charge conference for the purpose of voting on new elected leaders followed immediately by Café-O-Rama.

## Ongoing and Open

**1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read**  
June 7: [A Pilgrimage to Eternity](#) by Timothy Egan. 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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