



May 16, 2021 at 9:30am—Seventh Sunday of Easter
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Praise to the Lord”

by J. S. Bach

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Breakthrough Prayer

Gertie Melcher

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

“Sing of the Lord’s Goodness”

by Ernest Sands

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

Refrain:

Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days. [Refrain]

Time with Children

Alicia Owens

Sharing the Peace

Bea Melcher

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 17:6-10, 20-21a

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Holy One, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

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

Sermon

“Jesus and Trust”
“Scope & Sequence” Worship Series 6 of 8

Rev. Nate Melcher

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

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Offertory

“Woke Up This Morning”

TFWS Hymnal No. 2082

1. Leader: Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed,

All: Stayed on Jesus,

Leader: Woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed,

All: Stayed on Jesus,

Leader: Woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed,

All: Stayed on Jesus,

Leader: Hallelu,

All: Hallelu,

Leader: Hallelu,

All: Hallelu,

Leader: Hallelujah.

All: Hallelujah.

2. Oh, you can't hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed, ...

3. Makes you love everybody with your mind, when you keep it stayed, ...

4. Oh, the devil can't catch you in your mind, if you keep it stayed, ...

5. Oh, yes, Jesus is the captain in your mind, when you keep it stayed, ...

Prayer 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. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Special Music Presentation

The Chancel Choir

“The Word Became Flesh...
and lived for a while among us”
by Tiny English, John Purifoy, and Bob Kauflin

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| Narrator: John | “The Word Became Flesh” | Chancel Choir |
| Narrator: The Samaritan Woman | “He Asked Me for Water” | Gretta Thorson |
| Narrator: The Blind Man | “Now I Can See” | Scott Clarke |
| Narrator: John | “The LORD’s Prayer” | Brad Gardner |
| Musical Reprise | “The Word Became Flesh / Reprise” | Chancel Choir |

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Fanfare”

by Lemmens



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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Get on the email list: richfieldumc.org/signup

Richfield UMC gathers on Dakota land. More at richfieldumc.org/land.

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Scott Clarke, Nancy Dierauer, Brad Gardner, Josh Hetterick (bass), Reid Kennedy (drums), Gretta Thorson, The Chancel Choir

Liturgists: Bea Melcher, Gertie Melcher, Rev. Nate Melcher, Alicia Owens

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Garrett Johnson, Rev. Nate Melcher, 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: Austin. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: La Crescent UMC, La Puerta Abierta UMC (Saint Paul), Lake Benton UMC, Lake City UMC, Lake Harriet UMC (Minneapolis), Lake Wilson UMC (Slayton), Lamberton UMC, Lanesboro UMC (Lanesboro), Le Sueur UMC (Le Sueur), Litchfield UMC.
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: North Katanga Annual Conference, Northeast Luzon Philippines Annual Conference, Northeast Nigeria Annual Conference, Northeast Philippines 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, 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, Mary Martha Butler, and Marge Osterdyk.

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. 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.

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 16

Youth Group

Contact [Garrett Johnson](#)

Next Sunday, May 23

10:30 am - 12:00 pm | Food Drive

The May food drive (on the church campus) 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 of food staples. Then, drive-thru at the church on May 23rd to drop off your donations.

10:45 am | Children's Sunday School

Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#)

Sunday, June 6

10:30 am | [Semi-Annual Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 843-4704-2137, Passcode: 5835
Or call in: 312.626.6799 (standard rates may apply)
At the beginning of Café-O-Rama this day, there will be a brief charge conference for the purpose of voting on new elected leaders. Please use the same login link and information as you would for any Café-O-Rama.

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

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

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Worship by Touch Tone Phone

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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.
Find more tips at richfieldumc.org/live.

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