



May 23, 2021 at 9:30am—Day of Pentecost
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Vainement, ma bien aimee”
Leo Dworsky, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient
Barb Brooks, accompanist

by Édouard Lalo

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Holy Spirit, Divine Breath, Wild Winds of Change
She comes to rattle all that cages,
to provoke with prophecies,
to disturb the quiet of evil’s routines.
In her presence, all the earth trembles with anticipation of freedom.
A weary world is roused with hope!
She awakens the senses to the nearness of salvation.
She is the power of God poured out among us.
Come, Spirit, come!

Gathering Hymn

“I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”
Vs. 1 and 4

UM Hymnal No. 333

1. I'm goin'-a sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm goin'-a sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm goin'-a sing when the Spirit says sing,
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
4. I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout,
I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout,
I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout,
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

Centering Prayer

Marilyn Dodge

Divine Disrupter, in the heart of the ordinary, you stir and surprise. We welcome your chaos as we release instincts to control. Though evil makes rigid, oppresses with order, exploits through unjust rules and regulations, your love is a force of agitation, drawing the faithful together, rowdy with hope. May it be so among us. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

Breakthrough Prayer

Michael Watne

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.

Time with Children

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.

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

"Sure on this Shining Night"
Leo Dworsky, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient
Barb Brooks accompanist

by S. Barber

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

NRSV

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

Sermon

"Jesus and Community"
"Scope & Sequence" Worship Series 7 of 8

Rev. Nate Melcher

Prayers of the People

LORD in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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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supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" Spiritual/arr. W. Dawson
Paige Armstrong, Gretta Thorson, Scott Clarke, and Brad Gardner

Doxology

UM Hymnal No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Gratitude

Holy Spirit, come upon us this day. We feel your joy and delight as we celebrate this glorious day. With a sense of happiness and gratitude, we eagerly offer you these financial gifts for your ministry in this community and beyond. May all who call upon your name be saved from selfishness and filled with God-honoring habits of generous giving. All praise and glory be unto you. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

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

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

UM Hymnal No. 328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“How Great Thou Art”
Paige Armstrong, soloist

Swedish Folk Song/arr. D. Forrest



Thank you for worshiping as Richfield United Methodist Church.
We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.

Livestream Worship: youtube.com/richfieldumc
richfieldumc.org | [Richfield UMC on Facebook](#)
Get on the email list: richfieldumc.org/signup

Welcome Groth Scholarship recipient Leo Dvorsky! Leo will be a freshman at the University of MN and graduated from St. Louis Park High School. He will be a vocal performance major.

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Scott Clarke, Nancy Dierauer, Leo Dvorsky, Brad Gardner,
Gretta Thorson

Liturgists: Marilyn Dodge, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Aubrey Nelson,
Tanner Nelson, Michael Watne

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Garrett Johnson, Dale Olson

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

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: Windom. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Little Prairie UMC (Dundas), Living Spirit UMC (Minneapolis), Luverne UMC, Mabel UMC, Made New Church (Coon Rapids), Madelia UMC, Magnolia UMC, Main Street Church (North Branch), Mazeppa UMC.
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Northern Illinois Annual Conference, Northern Philippines Annual Conference, North Texas Annual Conference, North-West Katanga 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, Mary Martha Butler, Marge Osterdyk, and Christie Neuger’s brother, Doug Cozad.

Prayers for Comfort:

All those in hospice and their families.

Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

Sandy Nelson and family and friends of Rev. Jim Nelson as they grieve. A livestreamed service will be held this afternoon, Sunday, May 23 at 4:00 pm. The livestream link is [youtube.com/richfieldumc](https://www.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://www.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 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](#)

A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota

Thursday, May 27 at 7:00pm

Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/98118883974?](https://zoom.us/j/98118883974?pwd=TWZmTW9iL1V4YUlxXcHdraGhoQlEwZz09)

[pwd=TWZmTW9iL1V4YUlxXcHdraGhoQlEwZz09](#)

Meeting ID: 981 1888 3974 Passcode: 246414

In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, guest speaker Sun Yung Shin will share from her anthology about race in Minnesota and highlight how the Asian American community is dealing with anti-Asian hate crimes, ways to address racism, and take questions. Shin is a Korean-born equity consultant, writer, and artist. sunyungshin.com

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 church 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!

Outdoor Worship | Sunday, June 13, 9:30 am

Come to the Richfield Community Band Shell located in Veterans Memorial Park, [636 East 66th Street](#), Richfield, MN (parking at Ice Arena). At this service we will:

- Honor all 2021 high school and college graduates affiliated with the church. If that's you, please contact [Garrett Johnson](#).
- Offer a special blessing for bicycle and motorcycle riders. Bring your bicycle and helmet (or motorcycle!)
- Collect non-perishable food donations for VEAP. <https://veap.org/>
- Take a special Love Offering. Each year, United Methodist churches in Minnesota take an offering for missions. This year the focus is on Feeding the hungry and ministering to migrants. <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/loveoffering>

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



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. Find more tips at richfieldumc.org/live.

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