



May 30, 2021 at 9:30am—Trinity Sunday
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Breathe”

by M. Barnett

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (Psalm 29, Isaiah 6)

Garrett Johnson

Give the Lord glory and power. Adore the Lord, resplendent and holy.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of God’s glory.

Heed the voice of the Lord full of power. Regard the voice of the Lord, full of splendor.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of God’s glory.

The God of glory thunders. The Lord’s voice flashes flames of fire.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of God’s glory.

In God’s temple, the people cry, “Glory!” For the Lord will give strength to the people.

The Lord will bless the people with peace.

Gathering Hymn

“Down By the Riverside”

traditional

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside
down by the riverside.

Refrain:

And we ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more.
We ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more,
down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down our fear and pride,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna lay down our fear and pride down by the riverside
down by the riverside. [Refrain]

Gonna lay down our pain and woe,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna lay down our pain and woe, down by the riverside
down by the riverside. [Refrain]

Centering Prayer (Psalm 29, Romans 8)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Creating, all powerful, and triune God, we acknowledge your authority as our maker to command our obedience. Loving Jesus, one with humanity, and Holy Spirit, living presence of God, we thank you for the countless blessings you pour into our lives. Our hearts rejoice, holy one: for your infinite love, which echoes through creation; for Jesus's love, which came to us in human form; for the Spirit's love, which calls our hearts into fellowship with you. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

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.

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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Paige Armstrong and Brad Gardner, soloists

by H. Shelley

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Psalm 29

NRSV

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in the temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
May the LORD give strength to the people!
May the LORD bless the people with peace!

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

Sermon

"Jesus and Voice"
"Scope & Sequence" Worship Series 8 of 8

Rev. Nate Melcher

Song

"A Plowshare Prayer"

by Spencer LaJoye

Dear blessed creator, dear mother, dear savior
Dear father, dear brother, dear holy other
Dear sibling, dear baby, dear patiently waiting
Dear sad and confused, dear stuck and abused
Dear end-of-your-rope, dear worn out and broke,
Dear go-it-alone, dear running from home
Dear righteously angry, forsaken by family
Dear jaded and quiet, dear tough and defiant
I pray that I'm heard
And I pray that this works
I pray if a prayer has been used as a sword
against you and your heart, against you and your
word
I pray that this prayer is a plowshare, of sorts
that it might break you open, it might help you
grow
I pray that your body gets all that it needs
and if you don't want healing, I just pray for peace
I pray that your burden gets lighter each day
I pray the mean voice in your head goes away
I pray that you honor the grief as it comes
I pray you can feel all the life in your lungs
I pray that if you go all day being brave
that you can go home, go to bed feeling safe
I pray you're forgiven, I pray you forgive
I pray you set boundaries and openly live

I pray that you feel you are worth never leaving
I pray that you know I will always believe you
I pray that you're heard
and I pray that this works
Amen on behalf of the last and the least
On behalf of the anxious, depressed, and unseen
Amen for the workers, the hungry, the houseless
Amen for the lonely and recently spouseless
Amen for the queers and their closeted peers
Amen for the bullied who hold in their tears
Amen for the mothers of little Black sons
Amen for the kids who grow up scared of guns
Amen for the addicts, the ashamed and hungover
Amen for the calloused, the wisened, the sober
Amen for the ones who want life to be over
Amen for the leaders who lose their composure
Amen for the parents who just lost their baby
Amen for the chronically ill and disabled
Amen for the children down at the border
Amen for the victims of our law and order
I pray that you're heard
and I pray that this works
I pray if a prayer has been used as a sword
against you and your heart, against you and your
word
I pray that this prayer is a plowshare, of sorts

Prayers of the People

LORD in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

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Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“The LORD’s Prayer”
Brad Gardner, soloist

by Malotte

Prayer of Gratitude

O God, our possessions often bring us a sense of safety and reassurance. We are too quick to place our faith and hope in earthly things - homes and cars and bank accounts and investment savings and technology. You invite us to place our faith in eternal, heavenly things. Today, we give you one type of earthly possession - money. In giving, we accept your invitation of the true security that is offered through your son, Jesus Christ. We pray in the name of God, the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

A Memorial Day Prayer

Refrain: We lift up thankful hearts.

...and the nations made one,
O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage. Day by day we magnify you, and worship your name, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“America the Beautiful”

UM Hymnal No. 696

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

SENDING FORTH

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.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Honor Them All”

by Janis Ian



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

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

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Brad Gardner, Spencer LaJoye, Greg Locke,
Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Garrett Johnson, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Rev. Nate Melcher, TY Moore, 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 church’s MCCI journey. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: McGregor UMC, Menahga UMC, Messiah UMC (Plymouth), Middle Creek UMC (Danube), Milaca UMC, Minneapolis: Latino UM Fellowship (Minneapolis), Minnehaha UMC (Minneapolis), Minnetonka UMC, Money Creek UMC (Dakota), Montevideo UMC.
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Northwest Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, Northwest Philippines Annual Conference, Northwest Russia Provisional Annual Conference, Northwest Texas 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, James York, father-in-law of Randy Matheus, Caroline Riley, Sharon Morrow, Mary Martha Butler, Marge Osterdyk, Christie Neuger’s brother, Doug Cozad, and Sharon Gardner.

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.

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](#), Senior Pastor | 612.399.6272

[Rev. Hope Bentley Hutchison](#), Director of Children and Family Ministries | 612.568.6774

[Kathy Newbauer](#), Caring For Children Director

[Garrett Johnson](#), Youth Leader

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[Nancy Dierauer](#), Organist/Music Director

[Kay Bergeland RN](#), Parish Nurse

[Paige Armstrong-Hetterick](#), Chancel Choir Director

[Victor Zupanc](#), Living Waters Worship Coordinator

[Kathy Gertsema](#), Business and Administration Coordinator

[Linda Schmidt](#), Program and Communications Coordinator

Connect as Richfield UMC

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

Next 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.

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 Summer Worship Series Begins "SO MANY QUESTIONS, PART 1"

This spring, we called for your questions about God, faith, church, the Bible, and life. From your submitted questions, our first four Sundays will explore the following:

- June 06: What are the names of God?
- June 13: Does God love everybody?
- June 20: What does forgiveness look like?
- June 27: Is there a right religion?

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>

Upcoming this Summer

Online Vacation Bible School! July 12-16

A mix of video sessions, virtual hangouts, and fun at-home activities. Also, opportunities for children to come to campus for some outdoor, socially distanced activities! To find out about registration, contact Rev. Hope Hutchison at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Summer Worship Series #2

"SUMMER AT THE MOVIES" July 4-August 1

You do not have to watch the movie beforehand to get something out of the sermon, though it will certainly enhance your experience. Invite your "movie buff" friends to worship with you! See the [Heartline Newsletter](#) for more info.

Ongoing and Open

1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read
June 7: A Pilgrimage to Eternity by T. Egan.

Contact [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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richfieldumc.org/give

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