



June 6, 2021 at 9:30am—2nd Sunday after Pentecost
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Out...standing”
 Emma Taggart, Jacob Taggart, Cecilia Taggart

by Kevin Olson

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Nick Dewey

The One who birthed all life into being created us for relationship:
With each other.
With the land and all its creatures.
With Spirit, present all around us.
 The One who rights all wrongs and lifts up the suffering:
Reveals the evils that threaten our connections.
Ushers us all toward redemption.
 The One who makes healing possible:
Calls us home to our purpose and potential.

Gathering Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East of West”
 Vs. 1, 3, and 4

UM Hymnal No. 548

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
 but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
3. In Christ is Neither Jew Nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
 Both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north.
 All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Gracious God, we often forget that you are the ruler of our lives. Instead, we turn our attention elsewhere. We want what others have. We allow the concerns of the world to weigh us down. We become distracted by the activities around us. We forget to keep our focus on you. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith, that we may see your presence in our lives. Hear us now in our silent confessions before you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Time with Children

Sharing the Peace

London and Buerkley Owens

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

Concert Etude no 2, S. 144 "La Leggerezza"
Emma Taggart, piano
Groth Scholarship recipient

by F. Liszt

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

NRSV

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Musical Setting C, UM Hymnal p. 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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supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.
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

“Sonata, K61”
Emma Taggart, piano
Groth Scholarship recipient

by Scarlatti

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

“Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother”

The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2225

Vs. 1, 3, and 4

1. Who is my mother, who is my brother?
all those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

3. Love will relate us -- color or status
can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings --
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

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

Welcome Groth Scholarship recipient Emma Taggart! Emma will be a sophomore at Mannes School of Music - The New School in New York City, NY. She will be studying piano performance. Emma is a graduate of St. Agnes High School in St. Paul. Also, we welcome her brother and sister playing the prelude today.

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Emma Taggart

Liturgists: Nick Dewey, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Buerkley Owens, London 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, Southern Hills UMC. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Montrose UMC, Moose Lake UMC, Mora UMC, Morgan UMC, Motley UMC, Mounds Park UMC (Saint Paul), Mount Bethel UMC (Inver Grove Heights), Nashwauk UMC, Nerstrand UMC (Faribault).
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Norway Annual Conference, Oklahoma Annual Conference, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Annual Conference, Oregon-Idaho 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.

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

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

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

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Connect as Richfield UMC

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

Today, 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.
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