



June 13, 2021 at 9:30am—3rd Sunday after Pentecost
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Both Sides Now”

by Joni Mitchell

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Come and see what bloomed in the garden
 while we were asleep! What unfurling
 Spirit has done in the dark:
How solidarity sprouts where ego was weeded out.
 How compassion blossoms from the ground
 where we sat and shared stories.
Let us gather
 that we might be to each other branch and shade,
that we might rejoice in God
 who tends our intentions and blesses our rest.

Gathering Hymn

“Loving Spirit”
 Vs. 1 - 4

The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2123

1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be --
 you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.
2. Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
 feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.
3. Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
 hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.
4. Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed:
 in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.

Centering Prayer

Gail Johnson

Mysterious God, sometimes we don't know when to engage and when to rest. Sometimes we weep because rest is nowhere to be found. You join the causes of those who make a way out of no way. Tune our voices to the liberation songs you yearn to sing with us. Help us discern love's invitation in our own lives, for in honoring our boundaries, we make space for the movement of the holy. 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.

Blessing of the Bicycles

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

“Shower the People”

by James Taylor

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

NRSV

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Sermon

“Does God Love Everybody?”
“SO MANY QUESTIONS! #1” Worship Series 2 of 4

Rev. Nate Melcher

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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Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“You Say”

by Lauren Daigle

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

Heavenly Creator, you have offered us such abundance. We are so very blessed. Yet, we often think that we have so little. Some of us may even feel as though our gift is too small. Thank you for reminding us that even our mustard seed-sized gift may grow beyond our individual possibility. So, today we place before you all amounts of gifts - some quarters from children, some \$1 bills from adults, some larger bills and checks - knowing that you transform our scarcity into your abundance. Thanks be to God. 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.

Celebrating Our Graduates – Noelle Olson and Asher Teal

God of love and God of grace, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless these young people in the milestone of graduation. May you bring them peace.

You are a surrounding God! We thank you for those who taught them, who raised them, who worked beside them, and who supported them along the way.

As they journey into goodness and celebration, we give thanks for the gift of your creative energy at work in their lives. May you bring them joy.

You are an empowering God! May they feel your loving presence with them up on the highest of mountaintops.

As they journey through confusion and anxiety, we give thanks for the gift of your guiding energy at work in their lives. May you bring them hope.

You are a sustaining God! May they feel your loving presence with them down in the lowest of valleys.

As they go from this time and this space, in your promise may they know that you go with them. May the love of Christ live loudly in their hearts every step of the way.

You are a renewing God! May these graduates be filled by your Holy Spirit to do good in all ways, in all places, and to all people. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

UM Hymnal No. 383

1. **This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember, and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.**
2. **For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference as faith and hope are born again.**
3. **Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past, and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.**
4. **Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.**

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Keep Your Eyes Upon Jesus/Can't Take My Eyes Off of You” By Frankie Vallie



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

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Steve Kimball, Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Shar Salisbury, Victor Zupanc

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

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, Brooklyn UMC. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: New City Church (Minneapolis), Newburg UMC (Mabel), Newport UMC, Normandale Hylands UMC (Bloomington), North UMC (Minneapolis), Northeast UMC (Minneapolis),
- Northfield UMC, Northwood UMC (Esko), Norton Park UMC (Duluth), Oakwood UMC (New Ulm).
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Oriental and Equator Annual Conference, Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, Palawan Philippines Annual Conference, Pampango 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

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Connect as Richfield UMC

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

Today, June 13

Outdoor Worship | 9:30 am

Richfield Community Band Shell located in Veterans Memorial Park, [636 East 66th Street](#), Richfield, MN (parking at Ice Arena). At today's 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>

New Summer Worship Series Continues

"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?

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!

July 4: Pee-Wee's Big Adventure

How do I grow on the journey?

July 11: Raiders of the Lost Ark

How do I make the right choice?

July 18: Inside Out

How do we talk about mental health?

July 25: Soul

How do I live my best life?

August 1: My Girl

How do we move on?

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 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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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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