

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Centering Prayer

Rev. Nate Melcher

When the storms of life crash around us, O God, be our quiet center. When adversaries gather against us, Holy One, be our refuge and strength. Give us confidence that we might place our trust entirely in you. And give us the assurance that we might know the glory of our salvation. With joyful hearts and ready minds, we pray for your grace on this day. 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

‘Icons’ Mvt. IV, ‘The Archangel Michael Battles the Antichrist’

by Einjuhani Rautavaara

Abigail Arkley, piano
Groth Scholarship recipient

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

NRSV

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What does forgiveness look like?”
“SO MANY QUESTIONS! #1” Worship Series 3 of 4

Rev. Hope Hutchison

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

*Your gift by mail, phone, or through the secure online portal at richfieldumc.org/give
supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“Forgiven”
Brad Gardner, soloist

by David Meece

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

Abundant One, we offer you these gifts in gratitude for your steadfast guidance in our lives. We pray that these resources will provide ministries to the suffering, food to the hungry, hope to the poor, a spiritual presence to the needy. In the name of the one who suffered for our sake, Jesus Christ, we pray. 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

“God, How Can We Forgive”

The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2169

Vs. 1 and 3

1. God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn?
When human loving fails and every hope is gone,
your love give strength beyond our own to face the dawn.
3. Who dares to throw the stone to damn another's sin,
when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Scherzo in F”
Larry Wilson, guest organist

by Moritz Moszkowski



**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 Abigail Arkley! Abigail will be a senior at The University of Wisconsin - Madison. She will be studying piano performance and graduated as a PSEO student from Normandale Community College and as an accredited home school student.

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Brad Gardner, Larry Wilson

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

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson and 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, Camphor Memorial UMC. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Ogilvie UMC (Mora), Olivet UMC (Robbinsdale), Onamia UMC, Open Doors UMC (Kiestler), Open Doors UMC (Wells), Osseo UMC, Ottertail UMC, Owatonna UMC, Park Avenue UMC (Minneapolis).
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Pangasinan Philippines Annual Conference, Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference, Pero Nigeria Annual Conference, Philippines Annual Conference Cavite.
- 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, Maxene Schwanke, Jan Hansen, Joyce Walls, Agnes Danzl, Sara Watne’s sisters, Hope and Lora, Laurel Lien, Lenny Klosinski, uncle of Steve Klosinski, James York, father-in-law of Randy Matheus, Caroline Riley, Mary Martha Butler, Marge Osterdyk, Christie Neuger’s brother, Doug Cozad, Dorothy Holland, Mitzi Taylor, and John Cogan.

Prayers for Comfort:

All those in hospice and their families.

Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

The families and friends of Jeanne Exline who died on November 14, 2020. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 11:00 am. The service will be livestreamed and archived at youtube.com/richfieldumc. Only personally invited guests (by the family) will be able to attend this service in-person at the church building. Thank you 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.

Wednesday, June 23

Youth Dilly Bar Discussion

2:00 pm-3:00 pm

The Youth Group will meet this Wednesday at the church building on the outdoor patio. Contact [Garrett](#) to let him know you are coming.

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?

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! [Register here](#). Contact Rev. Hope Hutchison with any questions 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.

Upcoming Outdoor Worship

Richfield UMC worships at the **Lake Harriet Bandshell on July 18** (10:00 am) and returns to the **Richfield Bandshell on August 8** (9:30 am)

In-person worship resumes on campus Aug. 1

As announced in worship on Sunday, June 6, Phase 1 of in-person worship and gatherings in the church building begins August 1, 2021. Read more [here](#).

Ongoing and Open

1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read
July 5: *The Almost Sisters* by Joshilyn Jackson.

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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