



June 27, 2021 at 9:30am—5th Sunday after Pentecost
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Ain't it a Pretty Night” [from: ‘Susannah’]
Lauren Senden, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient

by Carlisle Floyd

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (Psalm 130)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

We wait for the Lord,
our souls wait for the Lord, and find hope in God’s word.
Our souls wait for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.
Let us seek hope in our God,
whose power is enduring love, whose redemption brings healing and grace.
We wait for the Lord,
and find our hope in God’s presence.

Gathering Hymn

“My Life Flows On” The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2212
(How Can I Keep from Singing)
Vs. 1 and 4

1. My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

Centering Prayer

Randy Matheus

Holy One, in peace or in pain, we call to you, and you answer. Hear our voices, O God, and the cries of our hearts. Come and bring us your presence. Come and bring us your peace. 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 Doll Song” [from: ‘Les Contese d’Hoffmann’] by Jacques Offenbach
Lauren Senden, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

NRSV

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In God's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place

for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us God, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen God. How can you say, 'Show us God'? Do you not believe that I am in God and God is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but God who dwells in me does holy works. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Creator. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Creator may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

Sermon

"Is there a right religion?"
"SO MANY QUESTIONS! #1" Worship Series 4 of 4

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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Offertory

"Song from a Secret Garden"
Pat Norton, cello

by Rolf Lovland

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

Nurturing God, each day we witness untold miracles that are a testament of your love. Some spectacular miracles reverently remind us of Jesus' healing miracles. Other everyday miracles are quiet and soft like a gentle mother's whisper filled with beauty and wonder. We prayerfully ask that these gifts be used to reach those needing to experience the miracle of your love. In Christ's name, 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

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2146

Vs. 1 and 3

1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
3. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Benediction

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

Postlude

"Fanfare"

by G. Telemann



Thank you for worshipping 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 Lauren Senden! Lauren will be a junior at Baldwin Wallace University, Ohio. She will be studying vocal performance and musical theatre. Lauren is graduate from Mankato East High School, Mankato.

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Pat Norton

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Randy Matheus, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson and Garrett Johnson

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, Coon Rapids UMC. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Park UMC (Brainerd), Path of Grace UMC (Maplewood), Peace UMC (Morristown), Peace UMC (North Oaks), Peace UMC (Pipestone), Peace UMC (Elgin), Peace UMC (Virginia), Peace United Church (Long Prairie), Pengilly UMC, Perham UMC.
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Poland Annual Conference, Quezon City Philippines Annual Conference East, Red Bird Missionary Annual Conference, Rio 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, 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, Mary Martha Butler, Christie Neuger’s brother, Doug Cozad, Dorothy Holland, Mitzi Taylor, John Cogan, Barb Rogers, and Lori Claussen.

Prayers for Comfort:

Betty Donovan, mother of Barb Rogers, and 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.

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.

Church Office/Campus Reopening July 6

The church office and campus will be reopening, with operating hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, starting July 06, 2021.

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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