



July 4, 2021 at 9:30am—6th Sunday after Pentecost
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SUMMER AT THE MOVIES



 <p>July 4 Pee-wee's Big Adventure</p>	 <p>July 11 Raiders of the Lost Ark</p>	 <p>July 18 Inside Out</p>	 <p>July 25 Soul</p>	 <p>August 1 My Girl</p>
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ENTRANCE

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Prelude

“Faith to Be Strong”

by Andrew Peterson

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (Psalm 48)

When winds tear into our vessels, when insecurities mount up within our souls.

God’s strength will be our guide.

When hardships weaken our resolve, when insults rip and slander stains,

God’s mercy will be our guide.

When vulnerability saps our faith,

God’s presence will be our guide.

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Holy Creator, we have refused to give our neighbors the honor they deserve. We have rejected others, as Jesus was rejected before us. Status drives us. Gossip lures us. Reputations gain more traction than the entirety of the person in front of us. We choose chaos over kindness, and disconnection over spiritual bonds. May our hearts repent, returning to your voice. May our souls reconnect, returning to our neighbor. May our minds renew, returning to the ones you created us to be. May your grace abound. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Time with Children

Sharing the Peace

The Melcher Family

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

“When You Believe”

by S. Schwartz

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Romans 15:1-6

The Message

Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, “How can I help?”

That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out. “I took on the troubles of the troubled,” is the

way Scripture puts it. Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure it's written for *us*. God wants the combination of his steady, constant calling and warm, personal counsel in Scripture to come to characterize *us*, keeping us alert for whatever he will do next. May our dependably steady and warmly personal God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all. Then we'll be a choir—not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus!

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

Sermon Pee-Wee's Big Adventure: "How do I grow on the journey?" Rev. Nate Melcher
 "Summer at the Movies" Worship Series 1 of 5

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Receiving the Sacrament

There is no barrier between you and the table. All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.

Offertory

"This Is My Song"

UM Hymnal No. 437

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

“This Little Light of Mine”

The UM Hymnal No. 585

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“People Get Ready”

by Curtis Mayfield



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

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, The Melcher Family

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Rev. Nate Melcher, TY Moore, 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, First UMC: Austin. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Pilgrim UMC (Plymouth), Pine Island UMC, Pine Lake Chapel UMC (Aitkin), Pine River UMC, Pleasant Corners UMC (Kasson), Portland Avenue UMC (Bloomington), Preston UMC, Prospect Park UMC (Minneapolis), Racine UMC.
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Rizal Philippines Annual Conference East, Rwanda Provisional Annual Conference, Serbia-Macedonia Provisional Annual Conference, Sierra Leone 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, 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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[Linda Schmidt](mailto:linda@richfieldumc.org), Program and Communications Coordinator

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](#).

Worshiping 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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