



July 18, 2021 at 9:30am—8th Sunday after Pentecost  
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## ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)  
\* Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

“Life Is a Gift”

by John Waller

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship\*

The Spirit of Christ is full of wisdom:  
**She blesses our learning and our unlearning,**  
**She is not overwhelmed by the work to be done.**  
The Spirit of Christ overflows with compassion:  
**She moves toward us when we are unwell.**  
**She makes a way for us to rest.**  
Come, Spirit of Christ, live among us,  
**Wisdom and Compassion dwell in our hearts.**

Gathering Hymn\*

“Lord of the Dance”

Words by Sydney Carter  
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I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance, and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;  
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]

Centering Prayer\*

Garrett Johnson

Holy One, accompany us no matter our state of mind; meet us, no matter the quality of our mood. Shore up our courage when we feel like we might surrender to life-draining patterns. Bolster our creativity when we feel stuck in old ways. In your steadfast name we pray, lifting to you 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

“The Lovingkindness Song”  
by Amanda Meisenheimer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

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

“He Never Failed Me Yet”

by CeCe Winans

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

## Scripture in Context

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-21

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But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

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

### Sermon

Inside Out: "How do we talk about mental health?"  
"Summer at the Movies" Worship Series 3 of 5

Rev. Nate Melcher

### A Prayer in the Midst of Pride

### Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

*Today's offerings, not designated to a particular church, will be used to defray the cost of holding the worship services at Lake Harriet all summer long. Any undesignated offerings above that cost will be donated to the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery.*

### Offertory

"Love One Another"

by Victor Zupanc

### Prayer of Gratitude

**God Help us! Our healers need a break! May those of us who can, sub in for the weary. May those of us who need rest, be supported and encouraged. Radical and Rested One, bless our shared resources to the rejuvenation of our healers and to the creation of new ways that honor our sacred rest. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING

### A Litany for Surviving Trauma and Finding Help for Healing

We gather in stubborn love,  
seeking to hold space for those whose hurts are deep and often unseen.

**God of hope, comfort your people.**

When sorrow becomes all-consuming and despair threatens to swallow our loved ones whole,

**God of recovery, comfort your people.**

Protect those whose bodies, spirits, and trust have been broken time and time again.

**God of healing, comfort your people.**

Be with those who sleep in fear and who seek shelter in the storm.

**God of hope, comfort your people.**

Strengthen the survivors among us who wrestle with doubt and depression.

**God of recovery, comfort your people.**

Grief upon grief. Tears upon tears. Pain upon pain.

**God of healing, comfort your people.**

**May those who are scarred by struggle be transformed by hope. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn\*

“Love and Forgiving”

by Scott Soper  
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Refrain:

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord;  
slow to anger, rich in kindness,  
loving and forgiving are you.

All my being bless the Lord,  
bless the holy name of God.  
All my being bless the Lord,  
rememb’ring the goodness of God. [Refrain]

God forgives us all our sins,  
healing those who live in pain,  
saving us from final death.  
God fills us with goodness and love. [Refrain]

Good and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger, rich in love.  
God remembers not our sins;  
forgiving and loving is God. [Refrain]

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Stand By Me”

by Ben E. King



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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Get on the email list: [richfieldumc.org/signup](https://richfieldumc.org/signup)

### Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Joe Cruz, Steve Kimball, Greg Locke, Rev. Nate Melcher, Devon Olson,  
Shar Salisbury, Victor Zupanc

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

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, TY Moore, Dale Olson

Richfield UMC gathers on Dakota land. More at [richfieldumc.org/land](https://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 church’s MCCI journey. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Riverside UMC (Park Rapids), Roots & Branches (Anoka), Rosendale UMC (Atwater), Saint Michael Community Church (Saint Michael), Salem UMC (Pipestone), Sanborn UMC, Sauk Centre UMC, Sebeka UMC, Silver Bay UPC.
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: South Nueva Ecija Philippines Annual Conference, Southern Nigeria Annual Conference, Southern Russia Provisional Annual Conference, Southern Tagalog Philippines Annual Conference East.
- 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, Dorothy Holland, John Cogan, and Lori Claussen.

### Prayers for Comfort:

Betty Donovan, mother of Barb Rogers, and all those in hospice and their families.

### Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

Christie and Win Neuger and family in the death of Christie’s brother, Doug Cozad.

### Worship Services

In-person worship resumes on campus beginning Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 9:30 am.

Live streaming worship online at <http://youtube.com/richfieldumc> and by touch tone phone at 1.888.650.5835 continues. Read the latest information at [richfieldumc.org/statements](http://richfieldumc.org/statements).

### Campus and Administration

Campus is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. God’s Hands Thrift Store is closed (no donations at this time, thank you).

### Church clergy and staff

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## Connect as Richfield UMC

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

### Today

#### VBS Celebration

Online VBS was held this last week, July 12-16. Today we celebrate all the children learned about **Changing the World Through Lovingkindness!**

#### Youth Mini Golf and Pizza

After the service today youth are going for a round of mini golf and some pizza! Have fun!

### Youth Dilly Bar Discussions

Wed. 7/21 & Wed. 8/11, 2:00–3:00 pm

Youth will meet on the back patio area at the church. Each of our sessions we will have stuff to talk about as well as some games together. Please email Garrett, Youth Leader, at [gjohnson@richfieldumc.org](mailto:gjohnson@richfieldumc.org) by the Tuesday before the event.

### The Church Office/Campus Is Open

The church office and campus is open, with operating hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

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### Ongoing and Open

**1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read**  
August 2: What You Have Heard Is True by Carolyn Forché. Contact, email both [WFalbertson@gmail.com](mailto:WFalbertson@gmail.com) and [mollyreko@gmail.com](mailto:mollyreko@gmail.com)

**Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study**  
Contact [mollyreko@gmail.com](mailto:mollyreko@gmail.com) to get connected.

**Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study**  
Contact [kentjmn@gmail.com](mailto:kentjmn@gmail.com) to get connected.

**Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group**  
Contact [kentjmn@gmail.com](mailto:kentjmn@gmail.com) to get connected.



### Summer Worship Series #2 "SUMMER AT THE MOVIES" July 4-August 8

This summer, we're combining the cinema and Sundays for worship! 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 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?



### Summer Worship Series #3 "SO MANY QUESTIONS, PART 2" August 8-September 5

We called for your questions about God, faith, church, the Bible, and life, and wow, did you respond! We close out the summer by responding to a few more of your questions. If you have wondered about these topics, be sure to mark your calendar and experience worship.

Aug. 8: Can the church be political?

Aug. 15: Why is the Bible used as a weapon?

Aug. 22: Does God give you more than you can handle?

Aug. 29: Has the pandemic changed church forever?

Sept. 5: How can I really believe all of this stuff?



## Drive-Thru Community Carnival & School Supply Drive

**Saturday, August 21**  
**10:00 am-12:00 pm**  
**Richfield UMC**

**5835 Lyndale Ave. S., Mpls., MN**

Get ready for a Drive-Thru Community Carnival! The Carnival had to take a year off due to the pandemic in 2020, but it is coming back this summer with some exciting new things!

Bring the kids for:

- Carnival games
- Prizes
- Single serve snacks
- Photo booth

All from the comfort of your car! We will also be collecting supplies for the VEAP School Supply Drive. The event will be held in our parking lot on **Saturday, August 21 10:00 am-12:00 pm.**

Everyone Welcome!



**Craft and Vender Fair**  
**Saturday November 6th, 10am to 2pm**  
**Richfield UMC**  
**5835 Lyndale Ave. S., Mpls., MN**

If you are interested in having table please contact Rhonda at [rhonda.s.olson@gmail.com](mailto:rhonda.s.olson@gmail.com) for information and an application.



### Check-In

Help your church track worship trends, thank you. [richfieldumc.org/hereiam](http://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 here, [richfieldumc.org/email/](http://richfieldumc.org/email/).



### 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 at [kbergeland@richfieldumc.org](mailto:kbergeland@richfieldumc.org).

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### Caring for Children: Early Learning Center

Caring For Children (CFC) early learning center is a nonprofit program of Richfield United Methodist Church in Minneapolis. CFC serves families of ages six (6)-weeks Infant Care through five (5) years old in Pre-Kindergarten. CFC provides a loving, nurturing early childhood education center filled with developmentally appropriate learning, positive relationships, and a faith-based setting where both spirituality and a life-long love for learning may thrive.

**For openings call, 612-866-1632.**

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# Come and worship outdoors this summer again!



## Richfield Bandshell in Veterans Park

636 E 66th Street, Richfield MN 55423

**Blessing of the Animals  
and Non-Perishable Food Drive**

**Sunday, August 8 at 9:30 am**

Bring your beloved pet (or a photo, if crowds and/or outdoors is too much for them) to receive a special blessing of God's love upon them! For safety and inclusivity, all pets must be well-supervised by your gathered household (i.e. dogs must be on a leash, use a pet carrier, etc.), thank you for your cooperation.



July 18  
July 25  
Aug. 1  
Aug. 8  
Aug. 15  
Aug. 22  
Aug. 29  
Sept. 5

### 2021 Calendar

Richfield United Methodist Church  
Knox Presbyterian Church  
The Table  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
First Universalist Church  
Lynnhurst United Church of Christ  
Lake Harriet Spiritual Community  
open

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