



August 1, 2021 at 9:30am
10th Sunday after Pentecost



bold = in unison
*** Please stand in body or spirit**
+Please wear a mask if you sing.

ENTRANCE

Prelude **“Ave Verum”** W. A. Mozart/arr. D. Bish
Jan Kirchner, organ

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship* Rev. Wayne Albertson

As one body of Christ,
we gather together this day.
Blessed by one Spirit,
we gather in unity and love.

1. **Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**
3. **O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51)

Gracious God, we want to live as people worthy of your calling. Help us recognize your gifts and blessings, that we may live up to our calling and bless others with our words and our lives. When we fall short, have mercy on us. When we don't know our mistakes, speak truth to us with your loving guidance. Create a new heart within us, a heart full of love and gratitude. Nourish us with the grace of your presence. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Time with Children

Sharing the Peace*

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor with a mutual 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

“Morning Has Broken”
Kat Devlin, soloist

Gaelic melody

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Scripture in Context

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

Sermon

My Girl: "How do we move on?"
"Summer at the Movies" Worship Series 5 of 5

Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.**

Sharing Our Gifts

Receiving the Sacrament

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

Music During Communion “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
Kat Devlin, soloist

by. C. Gabriel

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.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*+

“Stand By Me”
vs. 1-3

UMH No. 512

1. When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.
2. In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.
3. In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“God of Grace, and God of Glory”

arr. P. Manz



Thank you for worshiping as Richfield United Methodist Church.
We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday—August 8

**Worship at the Richfield Bandshell in Veterans Park
9:30 am**

Blessing of the Animals and VEAP Food Drive

636 E 66th Street, Richfield MN 55423

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, please leash and use a pet carrier.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES #3 Begins
"SO MANY QUESTIONS, PART 2"**

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?

Youth Group

- Youth and Family Picnic | Sun. 8/8, noon
 - Dilly Bar Discussions | Wed., 8/11, 2:00–3:00 pm
- Contact Garrett Johnson, Youth Leader, for details.
gjohnson@richfieldumc.org

Community Carnival & School Supply Drive

Saturday, August 21

10:00 am-12:00 pm

The Drive-Thru Community Carnival will have games, snacks, a photo booth and lots of fun... all from the comfort of your car! Bring donations for VEAP's School Supply Drive. Most needed items are: Backpacks, calculators, spiral notebooks, flash drives, head phones, and washable markers.

Your help is needed!

- Directing traffic, and handing out masks
- Collecting donations to VEAP
- Running Games & Handing out prizes

If you are able to help, please contact Rev. Hope at
hhutchison@richfieldumc.org with questions, or to volunteer go to
<https://tinyurl.com/54m4fcze>

Hello, guests! Welcome to worship as Richfield UMC. It's a big step to come to a new church and we're glad you're here. If you have questions, please ask any church member, and we hope you have a good experience.

Families with Young Children are always welcome in worship!

Here are some options to help your family have a good experience today:

The Nook - A space connected to the Sanctuary perfect for having a quiet or wiggly moment.

Art Cart - Children can fill a bag with items in The Nook to bring with them to worship with their families in the pews.

Sacred Ground - This space is temporarily closed. Please feel free to sit together as a family in the pews, or use the Nook instead.

Time with Children - Children of all ages are invited to come to the chancel steps to experience a message just for them. Parents/Guardians are welcome to join their children.

Sunday School - Following the Time with Children, from September-May, children may worship or go to Sunday School. Meet your teachers in the Nook. There is no Sunday School on "Children First" Sundays, the 1st Sunday of the month.

Nursing Mothers - You may nurse wherever you like. There is also a reserved Nursing Room available near the Library area.

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.

The Church Library is open when the campus is open.

Stop by to look through the new books and check-out a book to read.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 1, 2021

8:30 am – 11:30 am Middle Office
reserved for nursing mothers

9:30 am Worship
(+Live streamed & archived)

10:30 am Outdoor Fellowship

Monday, August 2, 2021

1:30 pm Women Who Read
(Online via Zoom)

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
(Online via Zoom)

9:00 am CFC Soccer

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Friday, August 6, 2021

Saturday, August 7, 2021

8:30 am Men's Group
(Online via Zoom)

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group
(Online via Zoom)

Sunday, August 8, 2021

9:30 am Worship Service at the
Richfield Bandshell

9:30 am Online Worship Service

12:00 pm Youth and Family Picnic

Ongoing and Open

1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read

August 2: What You Have Heard Is True by Carolyn Forché.

Contact both [Fern Albertson](#) and [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.

Women's Bible Study is taking a break and will resume on Tues., Sept. 14.

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: St Paul's UMC (Mendota Heights), Stanton UMC (Cannon Falls), Staples UMC, Stewartville UMC, Sumner Center UMC (Spring Valley), Sunrise UMC (Moundsview), Taylors Falls UMC, Annandale UMC, The Beloved (Saint Paul).
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022. This week we pray for: Tanganyika Annual Conference, Tanzania Annual Conference, Tarlac Philippines Annual Conference, Tennessee 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, John Cogan, Lori Claussen, and Steve Kirchner.

Prayers for Comfort:

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

We thank those who help make this worship a ministry of grace:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Kat Devlin, Nancy Dierauer, Brad Gardner, Jan Kirchner

Liturgists: Rev. Wayne Albertson, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Garrett Johnson, Dale Olson

Ushers: SK Johnson, Wayne Johnson

Greeter: Marilyn Dodge, Becca Whitaker

Driver: Ron Doncavage

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