



September 19, 2021 at 9:30am
17th Sunday after Pentecost



ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

Prelude "Allegro" by J. Carvalho
Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher
Call to Worship (Proverbs 31) Rev. Hope Hutchison

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.
As we come into God's presence, the Spirit is speaking words of wisdom.
The Spirit calls us to kindness and peace.
Wisdom calls us to service and love.

Gathering Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UM Hymnal No. 64
Vs. 1 and 4

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Centering Prayer

Servant God, humble our hearts and quiet our minds, that we may reflect your servant heart in everything we say and do. Plant your wisdom in our lives, that we might live your teachings and bear fruit at just the right time. With humble hearts, we pray. 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 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 “The Prayer” by Sager/Foster
Scott Clarke and Gretta Thorson, soloists

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

NRSV

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

Sermon

“By Our Presence”
“Church Is a People” Worship Series 2 of 5

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.**

Sharing Our Gifts

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

Offertory

“I Waited for the Lord”
Scott Clarke and Gretta Thorson, soloists

by F. Mendelssohn

THANKSGIVING

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

Jesus said: “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” Precious Lord, your love for us is amazing. You have blessed us in so many ways. The children of this congregation are an extraordinary example of your blessing. We are thankful for the numerous ministries of this church that reach out to children and families. May a portion of this money continue to support those ministries that welcome children in our midst. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

Vs. 1 and 4

UM Hymnal No. 581

1. Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.
4. Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Toccata in Seven”

by J. Rutter



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

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 experience a message just for them while seated with their parents/guardians.

Sunday School - Following the Time with Children, from September-May, children may worship or go to Sunday School (beginning Sunday, 9-19).

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.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today—September 19

Outdoor Sunday School at 9:45 am. Children go to Sunday School after the Time with Children during the worship service.

MCCI Resource Refocus Sunday

Today, 10:45 am-12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Following worship, Sue Nilson Kibbey, Director of the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), guides us as we name our current ministry activities, organization, partnerships, and resource areas that make up who we are and how we operate as a church today. This is an opportunity to lift up and celebrate the resources God has given our church!

Youth Sunday Check-in at 8:00 pm. Contact Garrett at gjohnson@richfieldumc.org to get connected.

Next Sunday, September 26

In-person worship at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. Please wear your mask. Worship continues to livestream and be accessible via touch-tone phone.

Saturday, October 2

God's Hands Thrift Store: The Great Giveaway

9:00 am-12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Open to the public, all pre-pandemic stock will be given away for free, one-day only! Servant volunteers are needed for set-up that week, and hospitality/clean-up that day. To register, contact Sharon Hall at (952) 894-3722 or [blessings325@gmail.com](mailto: blessings325@gmail.com).

Sunday, October 3

World Communion Sunday

On World Communion Sunday your giving helps provide scholarships for U. S. and international graduate students whom God gifts to learn and to serve.

Bible Sunday

We present Bibles to our 3rd graders and 3+ year old children, who have not already received one. Contact Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Servant Volunteer Sunday

The church honors and thanks all who have been a servant volunteer since we began distanced gatherings and ministry. We will lift you up in prayer in worship. Thank you for sharing God's blessings in the life of your church!

Flu Shot Clinic

9:00 am -11:30 am in the Middle Office

The standard flu shot and the high dose flu shot (ages 65+) will be available. Bring your insurance card. Questions? Email the Parish Nurse at kbergeland@richfieldumc.org.

Ongoing and Open

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

Oct. 4: *Afterlife: A Novel* by Julia Alvarez

Contact **both** [Fern Albertson](#) and [Molly Reko](#) to get connected.

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.

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.

You can browse the catalog online at richfieldumc.org/library.

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Scott Clarke, Nancy Dierauer, Gretta Thorson

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

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

An Everyday Prayer Life Is for Everyone

May we devote time and energy to God and neighbor and pray every day for:

- Open minds and hearts for “conflux moments.”
- People in need of a loving church home.
- Our church's journey toward vitality.

Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marylee Fithian, Maxene Schwanke, Jan Hansen, Joyce Walls, Agnes Danzl, Sara Watne's sisters, Hope and Lora, Laurel Lien, Lori Claussen, and Bev Crandall's brother-in-law, Howard.

Prayers for Comfort:

All those in hospice and their families.

Prayers for those who are Grieving:

Randy Matheus and his spouse, Jan, in the death of Jan's father, James York.

This Week's Calendar

Call the church office Tues.-Thurs., 8am-4pm for more info about groups/events

Sunday, September 19, 2021

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

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

9:45 am Outdoor Sunday School

10:30 am Indoor Fellowship

10:45 am MCCI: Resource Refocus
Sunday

8:00 pm Youth Sunday Night
Check-In

Monday, September 20, 2021

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

9:00 am CFC Children's Church

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Finance Committee
Meeting

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am CFC Soccer

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Friday, September 24, 2021

Saturday, September 25, 2021

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, September 26, 2021

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

9:45 am Outdoor Sunday School

10:30 am Indoor Fellowship

8:00 pm Youth Sunday Night
Check-In

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