



October 3, 2021 at 9:30am
19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday



bold = in unison

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Kum Ba Yah”
‘Someone’s Singing Lord’
African-American Spiritual/arr. J. Behnke

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Come, let us reimagine relationships so that power-over is no more.

The Living Christ loves mutuality, consent, and tenderness.

Let us gather with accountability and open-heartedness as our invitations.

God honors the sacred worth of all living beings.

Let us be together, that we might tune ourselves to communal thriving,
the song the Spirit loves to sing.

Gathering Hymn

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2026

Vs. 1 and 3

1. I AM the Rock of Ages cleft for me;
I AM the let me hide myself in thee;
I AM the Rock of Ages cleft for me; Halleluja.

Refrain:

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, halle, Halleluja!
Halleluja! Halleluja!

3. I AM the Bread of Life, feed on me;
I AM the One True Vine, grow in me;
I AM the Bread of Life, feed on me; Halleluja. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we confess to you as we consider words written by one of your beloved children, Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman:

“There is in every person an inward sea, and in that sea there is an island and on that island there is an altar, and standing guard before that altar is the angel with the flaming sword. Nothing can get by that angel to be placed upon that altar unless it has the mark of your inner authority... unless it be a part of the fluid area of your consent.”

Holy Spirit, may we revere inner authority and consent, that we might celebrate the sacred worth of all beings and in so doing, honor you. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Time with Children and Blessing of the Bibles

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

“Sim Shalom”
Chancel Choir
Pat Norton, cello

by J. Robison

Trans: Grant peace, goodness and blessing
To us and unto all Israel, your people.

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:13-16

NRSV

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Sermon

“By Our Service”
“Church Is a People” Worship Series 4 of 5

Rev. Nate Melcher

Celebrating Our Servant Volunteers and Staff

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UM Hymnal p. 20, Setting C

*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.

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.*

Receiving the Sacrament

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

Music During Communion “For Everyone Born” by B. Mann/arr. T. Trenney
Chancel Choir

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

“The Servant Song”

The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2222

Vs. 1 and 2

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey;
We are family on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the miles and bear the load.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”

Spiritual/arr. R. Vandall



**Thank you for worshiping 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.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today—October 3

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.

Servant Volunteer Sunday: The church honors and thanks all who have been a servant volunteer since we began distanced gatherings and ministry. 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 high dose flu shot (ages 65+) will be available. Bring your insurance card or cash/check payment of \$41.00 for standard shot or \$90.00 for high dose. Checks made out to Hennepin Healthcare.

Homelessness in Minnesota

The Church & Society Team is interviewing any member of the congregation who will share what they know, think, and wonder about the challenge of homelessness in Minnesota. To be interviewed, contact the church office at rumc@richfieldumc.org or 612-861-6086.

Worship Leader Workshop—Tue., Oct. 5 at 7:00 pm, online by Zoom

Contact Rev. Nate Melcher: nmelcher@richfieldumc.org

If you want to help lead worship and build your craft in writing and delivering community prayer, be part of this one-night only workshop.

Small Group Leader Workshop—Tue., Oct. 12 at 7:00 pm, online by Zoom

Contact Rev. Nate Melcher: nmelcher@richfieldumc.org

This one-night only workshop is for members who want to try their hand at leading a small group, book study, or other gathering in the life of the church.

MCCI Express Day—All-Church Meeting

Thursday, October 14, 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm, Fellowship Hall

The entire church is invited to meet with an MCCI team to talk about our identity, mission, and express what we've heard through our Breakthrough Prayer Initiative about what we sense God has for us next. **RSVP at [surveymonkey.com/r/QPKXLY2](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QPKXLY2)** or call 612-861-6086. You can participate in -person, online, or by phone.

Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat—Saturday, October 30, 2:00-4:00pm

All are invited to a safe trick-or-treating experience. You can help: Donate candy, hand-out swag bags, decorate your car trunk, give candy and more. Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084aaca829aafb6-trunk> or contact Rev. Hope at hhutchison@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.

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. 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.

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, Sara Watne's sisters, Hope and Lora, Laurel Lien, and Bev Crandall's brother-in-law, Howard.

Prayers for Comfort: All those in hospice and their families.

Prayers for those who are Grieving:

The family and friends of former member Gale Mellum, especially his wife Julie. Gale died on September 18.

This Week's Calendar

The church office/Campus is open Tues.-Thurs., 8am-4pm.
The Church Library is open when the campus is open.

Sunday, October 03, 2021

*World Communion Sunday, Bible Sunday,
Servant Volunteer Sunday*

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

9:00 am Flu Shot Clinic

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

10:30 am Indoor Fellowship

7:00 pm Youth Sunday Night
Check-In

Monday, October 04, 2021

1:30 pm Women Who Read

Tuesday, October 05, 2021

9:00 am CFC Children's Church

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Worship Leader Workshop

Wednesday, October 06, 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, October 07, 2021

Friday, October 08, 2021

Saturday, October 09, 2021

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, October 10, 2021

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

9:30 am Confirmation Class

9:45 am Outdoor Sunday School

10:30 am Indoor Fellowship

7:00 pm Youth Sunday Night

Check-In

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Pat Norton

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

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

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