



October 10, 2021 at 9:30am
20th Sunday after Pentecost



**"BUT MANY WHO ARE
FIRST WILL BE LAST,**

**AND THE LAST
WILL BE FIRST."**
MARK 10:31

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ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

Prelude

"Autumn Leaves"

by Joseph Kosma

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (Hebrews 4)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Come and worship.

God is here.

Listen for God's word.

It is alive and active.

Draw near to the source of mercy.

The God of grace is with us.

Gathering Hymn

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2129

Vs. 1 and 3

1. I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus—
no turning back, no turning back.
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow—
no turning back, no turning back.

Centering Prayer

There are days, O God, when we feel far from your presence. We long for you, yet we feel no response, no closeness. Give us the strength to cry out in pain, speaking our truth. Give us the courage to complain, even when there is no response. In the emptiness, we long for your presence. We wait, O God, for you. We know that you are the source of all mercy and grace. We trust that you will help us in times of need. 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

“Gift of Love”
Chancel Bell Choir

by H. Hopson

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

NRSV

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Sermon

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

Rev. Nate Melcher

Prayers of the People

Alicia Owens

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

“Con spirito”
Nancy Dierauer, organ

anon.

THANKSGIVING

Doxology

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

Almighty God, you continue to bless our lives in many intrinsic and intangible ways. When our financial gifts are used to support mission and ministry, we see other people blessed in very tangible ways. Our desire is to place you first in our financial decision-making. May this offering be a time when we do place you first and when we are grateful for the opportunity to support mission and ministry in your name. We pray in the name of the One through whom all things are possible. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“I Surrender All”
Vs. 1 and 2

UM Hymnal No. 354

1. All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now. [Refrain]

Benediction

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

Postlude

Prelude to a ‘*Te Deum*’

by M. Carpentier



**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 10

Confirmation Class at 9:30 am in room 208.

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

Youth Sunday Check-in at 7:00 pm. Contact Garrett at gjohnson@richfieldumc.org to get connected.

MCCI Express Day

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

The entire church is invited to tell the MCCI team what we've heard through our Breakthrough Prayer Initiative about what we sense God has for us next. This meeting is a critical component for the MCCI report we will vote on, and you will want to be a part of this opportunity. RSVP at surveymonkey.com/r/QPKXLY2 or call 612-861-6086. Participate in-person, online, or by phone. If you want to participate online or by phone, you must RSVP to get the link.

MCCI Report Day

Sunday, October 17, 9:30 am - 10:30 am, Sanctuary and Online

Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey, Director of the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), will deliver a report based on MCCI Express Day that we can carry out to jumpstart new fruitfulness. RSVP at surveymonkey.com/r/QPKXLY2 or call 612-861-6086. The report is delivered during worship so you can participate in-person, online, or by phone.

New Member Class

Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 pm, online by Zoom

Contact Rev. Nate Melcher: nmelcher@richfieldumc.org

Spend time with Pastor Nate, current members, and others interested in joining what God is doing with this church. New members join during worship on November 14 (if that date is tricky, please come to the class, anyway!). Learn more at richfieldumc.org/membership.

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

Nov. 1: *Virgil Wander* by Leif Enger

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.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 10, 2021

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

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

Monday, October 11, 2021

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

9:00 am CFC Children's Church

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 13, 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 14, 2021

6:30 pm MCCI Express Day
All Church Meeting

Friday, October 15, 2021

Saturday, October 16, 2021

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, October 17, 2021

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

9:45 am Outdoor Sunday School

10:30 am Indoor Fellowship

7:00 pm Youth Sunday Night
Check-In

The church office/Campus is open
Tues.-Thurs., 8am-4pm.

The Church Library is open when the
campus is open.

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

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

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Alicia Owens

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Dale Olson

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