



October 17, 2021 at 9:30am  
21st Sunday after Pentecost  
MCCI Report Sunday



**bold = in unison**

## **ENTRANCE**

Prelude

**“Come By Here”**  
Chancel Choir

by Kyle Pederson

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

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.*

Gathering Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”  
Vs. 1 and 3

UM Hymnal No. 451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Time with Children

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

John 21:15-25

NRSV

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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

Sermon

“Conflux Living”

Rev. Nate Melcher

MCCI Report/Presentation

Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey

## **THANKSGIVING**

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

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”  
Vs. 1 and 3

UM Hymnal No. 114

1. God of change and glory,  
God of time and space,  
when we fear the future,  
give to us your grace.  
In the midst of changing ways  
give us still the grace to praise.

*Refrain:*

Many gifts, one Spirit,  
one love known in many ways.  
In our difference is blessing,  
from diversity we praise  
one Giver, one Lord,  
one Spirit, one Word  
known in many ways,  
hallowing our days.  
For the Giver, for the gifts,  
praise, praise, praise!

3. Freshness of the morning,  
newness of each night,  
you are still creating  
endless love and light.  
This we see, as shadows part,  
many gifts from one great heart. *Refrain*

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Your Song”

by Elton John



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. 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.

**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. Sue Nilson Kibbey, Rev. Nate Melcher

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



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today—October 17

#### **MCCI Report Day**

During the service today, Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey, Director of the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), will deliver a report of unique prescriptions we can carry out to jumpstart new fruitfulness.

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

### New Member Class

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

Contact Rev. Nate Melcher: [nmelcher@richfieldumc.org](mailto: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](http://richfieldumc.org/membership).

### Town Hall Meetings—First Meeting Next Sunday

There will be three town hall meetings to discuss the MCCI report that we will receive in worship today. The first will be next Sunday. Town hall meetings:

**Sunday, October 24, 10:35-11:15 am, Harmony Fellowship Hall**

Sunday, November 7, 10:35-11:15 am, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 18, 7:00-8:00 pm Online via Zoom

### New Worship Series Begins Next Sunday

#### **Fall Worship Series #2 - "OVERTURE"**

Adding up the moments of feeling and sharing God's love is an exercise of celebrating the power of our faith and its fruitfulness. We look back to our history, reflect on our present today, and look boldly into our future as we steward our resources and share our gifts as the church. This worship series is supplemented by the video series, "The Generosity Challenge: 28 Days of Gratitude, Prayer, and Faith," available free to watch at on Amplify Media. To get signed up for this resource, visit <https://www.richfieldumc.org/ministries/amplify/>.

### Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat

#### **Saturday, October 30, 2:00-4:00pm**

All are invited to a safe trick-or-treating experience. Help spread joy to our neighbors. You can help by donating candy, handing out swag bags, decorating your car trunk, giving out candy and more. Sign-up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084aaca829aafb6-trunk> or contact Rev. Hope at [hhutchison@richfieldumc.org](mailto:hhutchison@richfieldumc.org).

## **Ongoing and Open**

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Contact the church office 612-861-6086, [rumc@richfieldumc](mailto:rumc@richfieldumc), or those listed below.

**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.

## **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, Marilyn Dodge, and the family of Roxie and Bill Hillger.

### **Prayers for Comfort:**

All those in hospice and their families.

## 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 17, 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

### Monday, October 18, 2021

### Tuesday, October 19, 2021

9:00 am CFC Children's Church  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm New Member Class

### Wednesday, October 20, 2021

9:00 am Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am CFC Soccer  
6:15 pm Church & Society Meeting  
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Youth Group  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 21, 2021

### Friday, October 22, 2021

### Saturday, October 23, 2021

8:30 am Men's Group  
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

### Sunday, October 24, 2021

9:30 am Worship  
(+Live streamed & archived)  
9:45 am Outdoor Sunday School  
10:30 am Indoor Fellowship  
10:35 am MCCI Town Hall Meeting

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