



October 24, 2021 at 9:30am
22nd Sunday after Pentecost



“Go; your faith has
made you well.”

MARK 10:52

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bold = in unison

ENTRANCE

Prelude	“Forever Young”	by Bob Dylan
Welcome		Rev. Nate Melcher
Call to Worship		Rev. Hope Hutchison

When we go through life with our ears closed to others,
we miss their cries: “Jesus, have mercy!”
When we go through life with our eyes closed to others,
we miss their cries: “Jesus, have mercy!”
May we have a faith that opens ourselves to others.
May we be healed by faith, and by faith may we bring healing.

Refrain:

Steal away, steal away; steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home.
I ain't got long to stay here.

1. My Lord he calls me,
he calls me by the thunder;
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)
2. Green trees a-bending,
poor sinners stand a-trembling;
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)
3. My Lord he calls me,
he calls me by the lightning;
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)

Centering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we travel the road of life with your creative energy. Jesus is our companion at our side. The Holy Spirit is the wind at our backs. The road is not always easy, but it is always filled with your generosity. Give us traditions that form us, new thoughts that inspire us, and motivations that challenge us to be impacted by your creative energy. We lift to you now a prayer as a church that needs you to break through in our lives...

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 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
by Charles Wesley and Rowland H. Prichard

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

NRSV

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Sermon

"Born to Be Generous"
"Overture" Worship Series 1 of 4

Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

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

“Play Me”

by Neil Diamond

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

Redeeming Lord, we continually seek your comfortable refuge. You deliver us from our unfounded fears and provide us with miraculous examples of your love. In response, we offer these gifts. We pray that these funds will provide an outreach that warms people with your resplendent love. As a church community, we exalt and praise your holy name. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“The Summons”

The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2130

Vs. 1 and 5

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when I but call your name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Satin Doll”

by Duke Ellington



**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 24

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

Town Hall Meetings—First Meeting Today

There will be three town hall meetings to discuss the MCCI report that we received in worship last 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 Today—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/>.

Homelessness in Minnesota—Interviews needed this month, please!

The Church & Society Team is partnering with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative to do interviews with members who will share what they know, think, and wonder about homelessness in Minnesota. To be interviewed, contact the church office 612-861-6086 or the interviewers, Jen P. (jen@pacyga.com) and Sarah M. (SarahMus13@gmail.com) directly.

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 in many ways: Donate candy, set-up, hand-out swag bags, decorate the trunk of your car and hand-out candy, direct traffic, and clean up. Your help is needed. Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084aaca829aafb6-trunk> or contact Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org. All are encouraged to bring food and health item donations for VEAP Food Pantry.

Church Conference on November 21—MCCI Vote Day

Sunday, November 21 at 10:35 am in the Sanctuary and by [Zoom](#)
Meeting ID: 881-3166-5678, Passcode: 5835 or call in: 312-626-6799 (standard rates apply) There will be a church conference after worship to vote on the MCCI Report. It is a simple “yes/no” vote. District Superintendent Rev. Dan Johnson will preside. All members have vote.

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.

Please Note: **There will be a Charge Conference on Tuesday, November 23** during the Administrative Board meeting for the purpose of setting clergy compensation for 2022. This meeting will be held by Zoom, please contact the church office for login info. All worshippers and members may attend, Administrative Board members may volte.

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, 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 24, 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

10:35 am MCCI Town Hall Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2021

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

9:00 am CFC Children's Church

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 27, 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 28, 2021

Friday, October 29, 2021

Saturday, October 30, 2021

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

2:00 pm Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31, 2021

9:30 am Worship

(+Live streamed & archived)

9:45 am Outdoor Sunday School

10:30 am Indoor Fellowship

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Garrett Johnson, Steve Warner

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