



November 7, 2021 at 9:30am
All Saints Sunday



bold = in unison

ENTRANCE

Prelude *Pie Jesu* from “*Requiem*” by A. Lloyd Webber
Tiffany Holt and Gretta Thorson, soloists

Text:
Merciful Jesus, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
grant them eternal rest.

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (Isaiah 25, Psalm 24) Rev. Hope Hutchison

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.
Look, for here is our God, for whom we have waited.
This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.
Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.
Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?
And who shall stand in this holy place?
We come, seeking the face of God.

Gathering Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul”
Vs. 1 and 3

UM Hymnal No. 534

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have not invested all that we are - our hearts, minds, soul, and strength - in loving you. And each day, we struggle to love one another to the fullest. Receive our heartfelt confession, and hear our gratitude for your grace and forgiveness. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

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

“O Love”
Chancel Choir
Pat Norton, cello
Given in memory of Marian Clarke

by E. Hagenberg

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Celebrating All Saints of the Church

Roll Call of Saints

Norma Luettinger
Jeanne Exline
Rev. Jim Nelson
Marybeth Stull
Ruth Davis
Susan Stenseth
Meg Alexander
John Cogan

Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ: give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

**“For All the Saints”
Vs. 1, 2, 5 and 6**

UM Hymnal No. 711

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. *Refrain*
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Refrain*
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: *Refrain*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44

NRSV

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

Sermon

“Revealed Through Prayer”
“Overture” Worship Series 3 of 4

Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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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.

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.*

Music During Communion

“And We’ll All Sing Hallelujah”
Chancel Choir

H. Stover

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

“Hymn of Promise”
Vs. 1 and 3

UM Hymnal No. 707

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Benediction

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

Postlude

Toccata on “Amazing Grace” by J. Christopher Pardini



**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—November 7

UMW Shopping Sunday—10:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Get a start on your holiday shopping and support some great causes. Shop Walker Jewelry, UMW crafts, and Pottery.

Town Hall Meeting—10:35-11:15 am, Sanctuary

There will be a town hall meeting today to discuss the MCCI report that we received in worship on October 17.

MCCI Update

richfieldumc.org/mcci now features examples of MCCI success stories from UM churches in Minnesota and FAQ Frequently Asked Questions about the process, report, and our first hybrid (in-person and online) church conference. The requests for local stories and FAQ are based on the latest Town Hall discussion.

Town Hall Meetings—The remaining town hall meetings to discuss the MCCI report that we received in worship on October 17 are **today, see above**, and Thursday, November 18, 7:00-8:00 pm Online via Zoom, Meeting ID: 881-3166-5678 Passcode: 5835

Time for LIFE: Learning, Inspiration, and Fellowship for Everyone
(interim name for Lunch and Learn)

Thursday, November 11th, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm

"Living with Gusto, Guts, Growth, and Grace" with Reverend Gretchen Fogo

Both in-person and [online](#)/phone; no cost for this program; no lunch served.

Meeting ID: 813-2660-1056 Passcode: 5835

Call-In: 312-626-6799, then enter meeting ID & passcode (standard rates may apply)

Please call the church office (612-861-6086) by Tue., Nov. 9, if you plan to attend and if you would like the church bus to pick you up and drop you off from your home, or send an email to the Parish Nurse at kbergeland@richfieldumc.org

Next Sunday, November 14—Commitment Sunday

The worship series "overture" concludes with commitment Sunday. Each of us is called to faithfully participate in the life of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Your financial support builds sustainable ministry as Richfield UMC. **Members and generous friends will receive a letter and commitment sheet in the mail. Please bring it with you to worship on November 14, Commitment Sunday, or mail it to the church.** Extra sheets will be available at worship on the 14th or call the church office to have one mailed to you. May the overture we play feature grace notes to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world.

Church Conference on November 21

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)

The church conference is to vote on the MCCI Report. It is a simple "yes/no" vote. All worshippers may attend, and all members have vote. All members are expected to read the report before voting on it.

Charge Conference on November 23

Tuesday, November 23 in the Ad Board meeting by Zoom—Zoom Meeting ID: 886-0975-2661 Passcode: 5835. There will be a charge conference at the Ad Board meeting to approve clergy compensation for 2022. All worshippers and members may attend. Ad Board members may vote.

Ongoing and Open

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

Dec. 6: *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn

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

Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study—Contact [Molly Reko](#)

Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study—Contact [Kent Johnson](#)

Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group—Contact [Kent Johnson](#)

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, Tim, son of Roxie and Bill Hillger, and Caroline Riley.

Prayers for Comfort: Molly Reko's brother, Dr. Robert Wilson, and all those in hospice and their families.

Prayers for those who are Grieving:

- * Destiny, great-granddaughter of Roxie and Bill Hillger.
- * The family and friends of Greg Thompson, former member, who died recently.
- * The Family and friends of Muza Habeck. A private family service is planned.
- * The family, especially Curt, and friends of Marybeth Stull. A memorial service will be held at the church next Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 pm.

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, November 7, 2021

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

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

10:30 am Indoor Fellowship

10:30 am Shopping Sunday—Hosted by the UMW

10:35 am Town Hall Meeting to discuss the MCCI Report

Monday, November 08, 2021

Tuesday, November 09, 2021

9:00 am CFC Children's Church

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am CFC Soccer

1:00 pm Common Threads Meeting

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Friday, November 12, 2021

1:00 pm Time for LIFE

Saturday, November 13, 2021

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, November 14, 2021

9:30 am Worship

(+Live streamed & archived)

9:30 am Confirmation Class

9:45 am Outdoor Sunday School

10:30 am Indoor Fellowship

10:30 am Orders Being Taken: UMW Bake Sale to Go

4:00 pm Marybeth Stull Memorial service

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Tiffany Holt, Pat Norton, Gretta Thorson

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Garrett Johnson, Dale Olson, Steve Warner

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