



November 14, 2021 at 9:30am
Commitment Sunday



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ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Larghetto”
Jan Kirchner, organ

by Willem de Fesch

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (Habakkuk 1-2)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Stand at your watchpost and wait for the Lord.

We wait for a vision of truth and hope.

Stand at your watchpost and pray to the Lord.

We pray for justice and righteousness.

Stand at your watchpost and trust in the Lord.

We trust the one who hears our cries and vindicates the pure of heart.

Stand at your watchpost and worship the Lord.

Gathering Hymn

“God of the Ages”
Vs. 1 and 4

UM Hymnal No. 698

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Centering Prayer (Psalm 119, Luke 19)

God of righteousness, hear our prayer. We come before you with zeal in our hearts seeking justice for the wronged, hope for the downhearted, and healing for the afflicted. We strain to see your face and to behold the glory of our salvation. Visit us with visions of your kingdom and transform us in your image, that salvation may visit our houses this day. 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

“Holy Manna”
Chancel Bell Choir

by K. Thompson

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Meg Spicher

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

Sermon

"Sealed by Faith"
"Overture" Worship Series 4 of 4

Rev. Nate Melcher

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

“I Can See Clearly Now”

by Johnny Nash

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

Generous God, we are your grateful people: for your love to feel, for your promise to share. For your song to sing, for the overture of your mission. You have empowered us to be your church. Use these gifts that we offer today. Use the gifts that we commit for tomorrow. Use our lives as conduits for your compassion. May we live into this calling, and may we carry out your mission with faith, justice, and joy. And all of God’s people said, “Amen!”

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“My Hope Is Built”
Vs. 1 and 4

UM Hymnal No. 368

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne! (Refrain)

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Intermezzo VI”

by H. Schroeder



**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 14

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

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. **Extra commitment sheets are available from the ushers.** May the overture we play feature grace notes to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world.

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 meeting to discuss the MCCI report that we received in worship on October 17 is Thursday, November 18, 7:00-8:00 pm Online via Zoom, Meeting ID: 881-3166-5678 Passcode: 5835

Next Sunday—November 21

Church Conference 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](#) 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, Tim, son of Roxie and Bill Hillger, Caroline Riley, and Lee Weiser's father, Joseph Weiser.

Prayers for those who are Grieving:

- * The family and friends of Greg Thompson, former member, who died recently.
- * The Family and friends of Muza Habeck. A private service was held last week.
- * The family, especially Curt, and friends of Marybeth Stull. A memorial service will be held at the church today, November 14 at 4:00 pm.
- * The family and friends of Jean Urista. A funeral service was held last Friday.
- * Molly Reko and family in the death of her brother, Dr. Robert Wilson.
- * Nancy and John Dierauer and family in the death of Nancy's mother, Marcella Nelson.

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 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

Monday, November 15, 2021

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

9:00 am CFC Children's Church
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

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

Thursday, November 18, 2021

7:00 pm Online Town Hall Meeting to discuss the MCCI Report

Friday, November 19, 2021

Saturday, November 20, 2021

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

Sunday, November 21, 2021

9:30 am Worship
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Outdoor Sunday School
10:35 am Church Conference: MCCI
Vote Day
10:50 am Indoor Fellowship
10:50 am Orders Being Taken: UMW
Bake Sale to Go

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Ann Johnson, Jan Kirchner, Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Meg Spicher

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

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