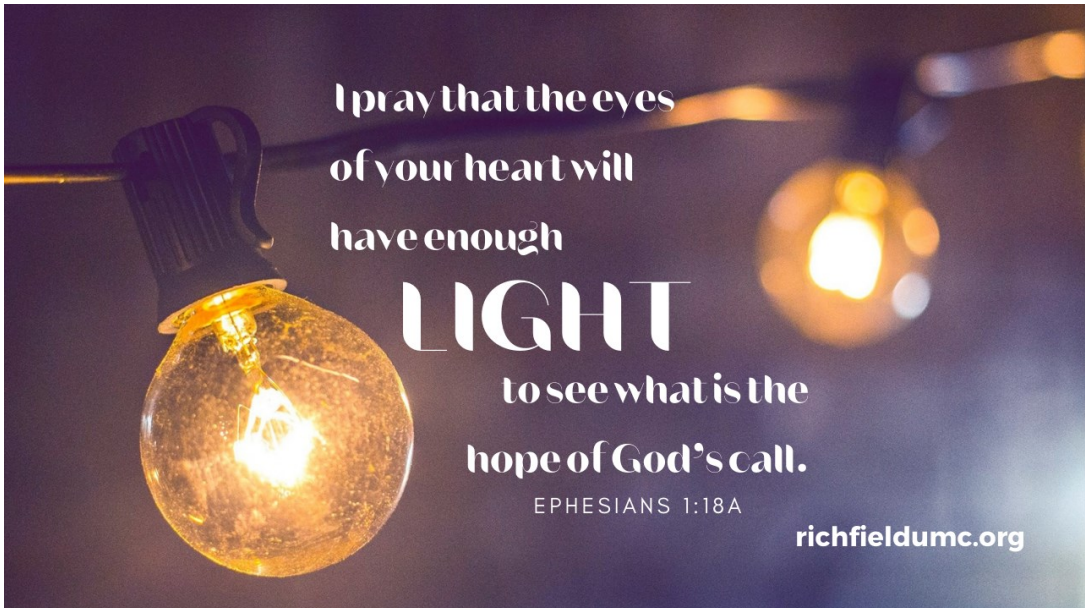




November 21, 2021 at 9:30am
Christ the King Sunday
MCCI Commitment Sunday



bold = in unison

ENTRANCE

Prelude "Sinfonia" (from 'Wir Danka Dir') by J. S. Bach
Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher
Call to Worship Rev. Hope Hutchison

Mystery of God, draw us near.
Fill our minds with awe!
Wisdom of God, surprise us.
Encourage us with hope!
Glory of God, shine through our lives.
Reveal your power and your glory!
In the mystery, the wisdom, the glory of God,
Let us worship!

Gathering Hymn “All Good Gifts” (from *Godspell*) by S. Schwartz

*Please remember that we are **not** singing as a church during in-person worship due to pandemic concerns. Thank you for your cooperation.*

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land..
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain...
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain...

All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!

All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above.
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love..
I really wanna thank you Lord.

Centering Prayer (inspired by Acts 1:1-11)

Generous God, thank you for gifts beyond measure. Like a prism, your love reflects throughout creation. Guide us into your depths, that we may glimpse the Spirit already at work in our lives - revealing your truth and empowering us to bear witness to the love of Jesus. 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.

Welcoming Our New Members

Tim and Brooke Nelson (children: Aubrey and Tanner)
Jen Pacyga
Justin White and Hoa Nguyen (children: Emily and Morgan)

... Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a

community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

...Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

“Jubilate!”
Chancel Choir

by J. Leavitt

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23 (CEB)

Randy Matheus

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power

and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

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

Sermon

“Enough Light to See”

Rev. Dan Johnson
District Superintendent

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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

by J. S. Bach/arr. V. Fox

Nancy Dierauer, organ

Doxology

“Give Thanks”

Faith We Sing Hymnal 2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks!

Prayer of Gratitude

Generous God, source of every blessing, we look forward to your harvest each year, and our tables overflow with the bounty of this good earth. Receive these offerings, as we thank you for your many blessings. As we enter a day of Thanksgiving, help us be mindful of those who go without, as we feast and make merry during this festive season. May the splendor of heaven be made manifest in the beauty of creation. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn “Let All Things Now Living” Faith We Sing No. 2008

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God’s banners fly o’er us, God’s light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim the divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Life Is a Gift”

by John Waller



**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 21

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

Church Conference—Vote on the MCCI Report

Today 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 may attend, and all members have vote.

Charge Conference on November 23 at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00 pm 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.

Last Sunday, November 14 was Commitment Sunday

It is never too late to share your estimate of giving for the coming year.

If you need a commitment sheet, please contact the church office at rumc@richfieldumc.org or call 612-861-6086. 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. Thank you.

Call For Photos of Christmas Pageant Past!—Deadline: November 28

Do you have photos of you or your family members participating in a Richfield UMC Christmas Pageant? Photos from all eras of the church are welcome! We are especially interested in photos we can put side-by-side of Baby Jesus past *and* Baby Jesus *today!* You may submit digital copies or scans to rumc@richfieldumc.org or bring them to the church (please label them well, if you want them returned!).

UMW Bake Sale: Bake Sale to Go

This year’s bake sale will be done a little differently than previous years. It will be a Bake Sale to Go. Get your pre-orders in for items through Sunday, December 5. Your order will be packaged and ready for pick up on Sunday December 12.

No Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service

Please note that there is no ecumenical thanksgiving eve worship service this year due to ongoing public health concerns.

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, Tim, son of Roxie and Bill Hillger, Caroline Riley, Lee Weiser's father, Joseph Weiser, Susan Johnson's (SK) brother, Jim, and his wife, Donna, and Roxie and Bill Hillger.

Prayers for those who are Grieving:

- * The family and friends of Jean Urista. A funeral service was held recently.
- * 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.
- * The family and friends of Dale Blomsness who died Monday. A funeral service will be held in the Sanctuary on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 11:00 am with visitation the hour prior to the service. No livestreaming.

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 21, 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

10:35 am Church Conference: MCCI
Vote Day

10:50 am Indoor Fellowship

10:50 am Orders Being Taken: UMW
Bake Sale to Go

Monday, November 22, 2021

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

9:00 am CFC Children's Church

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting and
Charge Conference

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am CFC Soccer

Thursday, November 25, 2021

Building Closed

Friday, November 26, 2021

Building Closed

Saturday, November 27, 2021

Building Closing at 12:00 pm

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, November 28, 2021

9:30 am Worship

(+Live streamed & archived)

10:30 am Indoor Fellowship

10:30 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, Greg Locke, Devon Olson,
Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Dan Johnson, Randy Matheus,
Rev. Nate Melcher

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

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