



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 9, 2022 at 9:30 am
Baptism of the Lord

THREE SIMPLE RULES

1. Do no harm.

**"HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND WITH FIRE."**

Luke 3:9b

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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude "The River's Gonna Keep on Rolling" by Amy Grant
Living Waters Band

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship Rev. Hope Hutchison

Through every age of struggle, every era of hope,
the Holy One is a faithful companion.

From spirits that seduce with power,
They deliver and transform.

In the labors of liberation,
They sustain with joy and courage.

Praise God, whose presence is a force for life.

Gathering Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

by Eleanor Farjeon

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

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Centering Prayer

Companioning One, the calling of love is full of risk. Oppressive forces and institutions seem so permanent, and our individual lives, so vulnerable and fleeting. Deepen our faith in your abiding promises, that we may be brave for each other. 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 when your life's journey met God's heart.

Celebration Music

“Sure Foundation”
Chancel Choir

by M. Hayes

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV)

Alicia Owens

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Three Simple Rules: Do No Harm”
“First Thing First” Worship Series 1 of 4

Rev. Nate Melcher
Sally Knutson

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

“Rain On Me”
Living Waters Band

by Victor Zupanc

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

Sovereign God, we remember that becoming part of a Christian community was not a meaningless dedication but a call to be devoted openly to you. The sacrament of baptism is a reminder of all that we have received and all that we are asked to give. Like the heavenly voice you shared with your beloved son, we listen anew for your guidance and direction. Multiply these financial gifts so others may be baptized in your Precious Name. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

by James K. Manley

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“In Thee Is Gladness”

by J. S. Bach

**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.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, January 9

Pickup your free copy of *Three Simple Rules* while on campus

January's worship series is supplemented by the book *Three Simple Rules* by Bishop Reuben Job. Get your free copy today and read in January.

For: Jan. 2 pages 7-18 Jan. 9 pages 19-32
 Jan. 16 pages 33-50 Jan. 23 pages 51-64

Sunday School

Today children leave worship following the Time with Children for Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. As always, children are welcome in worship.

Contact: Rev. Hope, hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Book Study Begins

Join in a book study of *Three Simple Rules*, in-person and online, beginning January 9, 10:40 am -11:15 am. All are welcome. Zoom Meeting ID: 819 9039 0338; Passcode: 5835; Call In: 312-626-6799. [Zoom link](#).

Confirmation All-Family Meeting

Immediately following worship, all Confirmation teens and parents/guardians are invited to a meeting. Rev. Hope and Pastor Nate have options for moving forward, discussion and feedback welcome.

Souper Bowl of Caring Collection Begins Today!

Now through February 13, bring your donations of great soups to the church. You can also make a financial gift at richfieldumc.org/give.

Youth Group Resumes This Wednesday, January 12

Wednesdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Youth Room Join in an evening of games, guest speakers, video discussion, check-in, and building community together. Contact: Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Time for LIFE: Learning, Inspiration, and Fellowship for Everyone

Program: "Trends in Fraud & Identity Theft: A Perfect Storm"

Thursday, January 13th, 1:00-2:00 pm - Note: Online only this month!

[Zoom link](#): Meeting ID: 813-2660-1056 Passcode: 5835 OR Call-In: 312-626-6799, then enter Meeting ID and Passcode (standard rates may apply)

Contact Parish Nurse, Kay, 612-861-6086, or kbergeland@richfieldumc.org.

Church Conference on January 30

Sunday, January 30 at 10:35 am in-person and by [Zoom link](#)

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 receive reports and approve the 2022 operations budget. You may attend and vote in-person or online by Zoom. RSVPs aren't necessary. All worshippers and members are invited, and members have vote.

Ongoing and Open

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

February 7: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

Contact Fern Albertson, wfalbertson@gmail.com, to get connected.

Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study

Contact Molly Reko, mollyreko@comcast.net, to get connected.

Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study

Contact Kent Johnson, kentjmn@gmail.com, to get connected.

Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group

Contact Kent Johnson, kentjmn@gmail.com, to get connected.

Families with Young Children are always welcome in worship!

Here are some options to help your family have a good experience when worshipping in the Sanctuary:

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, Joyce Walls, Laurel Lien, Caroline Riley, Bill Hillger, Sharon Morrow, Susan (SK) Johnson, Lori Mosher Claussen's son, Sean, and Kate Currie.

Prayers for those who are Grieving:

- * The family and friends of Jan Hansen who died on January 1, 2022.
- * The family, especially Anne and Russ Ruona, and friends of Peggy Hamilton who died in December.

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, January 9, 2022

- 9:30 am Worship
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Indoor Sunday School
- 10:30 am Confirmation-All Family Meeting
- 10:40 am "Three Simple Rules" Book Study
- 7:00 pm Tech Crew Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

- 9:00 am CFC Children's Church
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 am CFC Soccer
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Youth Group
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 13, 2022

- 1:00 pm Time for LIFE

Friday, January 14, 2022

Saturday, January 15, 2022

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

Sunday, January 16, 2022

- 9:30 am Worship
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Indoor Sunday School
- 10:40 am "Three Simple Rules" Book Study

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, Sally Knutson, Rev. Nate Melcher, Alicia Owens

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, TY Moore, Dale Olson

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