



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 16, 2022 at 9:30 am
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

THREE SIMPLE RULES

2. Do good.

**NOW THERE ARE
VARIETIES OF GIFTS,
BUT THE SAME SPIRIT.**

1 Corinthians 12:4

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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

"People Get Ready"
Living Waters Band

by Curtis Mayfield

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Holy are the moments that catch our breath,
catch our attention,
catch us off guard with the wonders of being alive.

The surprises of God hearten and revive!

God points us back to the riches of life before us.

The world is pouring out blessings of beauty.

Kinship and community enable lasting joy.

The faithful gifts of God are simple and abundant.

We gather to remember and to treasure every one.

Gathering Hymn

“Steal Away to Jesus”

spiritual

Centering Prayer

God of glory, God of joy, God of ordinary wonders, come and usher us toward life. Keep us from losing touch with the miracles all around us: The way love persists. The way the earth holds us. The way it’s never too late for new beginnings. Make a way for us, back to the simple truths that sustain. 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

“One Love”
Living Waters Band

by Bob Marley

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NRSV)

Jerry Schilling

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Three Simple Rules: Do Good”
“First Thing First” Worship Series 2 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

“The Storm Is Over Now”
Living Waters Band

by Kirk Franklin

It's over now, it's over now
I feel like I can make it
The storm is over now

No more cloudy days, there all gone, gone away

If I walk alone, I'm not on my own

No more cryin' at night

No more sickness in my body

No more tears and sorrow

No more heartache and pain

No more suffering

No more, it's over now

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

Holy Spirit, you have honored each of us with unique spiritual gifts. We acknowledge that these gifts are to be used for your glory alone. Help us to offer our talents so that others may be encouraged to share abundantly. We are honored and humbled by the responsibility of using these gifts as stewards of your Kingdom. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

by J. W. Johnson/J. R. Johnson

Living Waters Band

Benediction

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

Postlude

“A Change Is Gonna Come”

Living Waters Band

by Sam Cooke

**Thank you for worshiping as Richfield United Methodist Church.
We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.**



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, January 16

Three Simple Rules

By first doing no harm, then doing good, and along the way staying in love with God, may your life reflect the love of God to everyone you meet. Get your free copy and read in January. For 1/16, pp. 33-50; 1/23 pp. 51-64

Souper Bowl of Caring Collection Continues!

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

Church Conference on January 30

Sunday, January 30 at 10:35 am 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 online by Zoom. RSVPs aren't necessary. All worshippers and members are invited, and members have vote.

Call For Lent Devotional Submissions

The 2022 Lent theme is "Unafraid." Maybe you've worked through fears around a certain topic. Perhaps you're still figuring out your worries. Or maybe you've felt God in the midst of anxiety, resolved or not. However you interpret "unafraid," may you share your writing and ideas with your church.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Your reflection, poem, or prayer should be 250 words or less.
2. It must be your own original writing. Sorry, we cannot publish your favorite poem by another writer, no matter how wonderful it is!
3. Submit your writing by Sunday, February 13 to melcher@richfieldumc.org.

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.

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, and Jane Parry.

Prayers for those who are Grieving:

- * The family and friends of Jan Hansen who died on January 1, 2022.

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 16, 2022

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

Monday, January 17, 2022

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

9:30 am Women’s Bible Study
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

9:00 am Men’s Bible Study
6:00 pm Church & Society Meeting
7:00 pm Youth Group

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Friday, January 21, 2022

Saturday, January 22, 2022

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

Sunday, January 23, 2022

9:30 am Online Worship

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, and Dwight Leslie on vocals

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Jerry Schilling

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

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