



January 23, 2022 at 9:30 am
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

THREE SIMPLE RULES

3. Stay in love with God.

**YOU ARE
THE BODY OF CHRIST
AND MEMBERS OF IT.**

1 Corinthians 12:4

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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

"Crystal Silence"
Living Waters Band

by Chic Corea

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Rev. Hope Hutchison

This body of Christ is a holy collection of lives and stories.

Braided into each other, the one is made of the many.

This body, God has woven together:

That we may find our hope in each other.

That we may hold grief in community.

That we may remember no life is disposable.

By the Spirit, we are made one body.

Joined together, let us seek the flourishing of all.

Gathering Hymn

“Lord of the Small”
Paige Armstrong, soloist

by D. Forest

Centering Prayer

Creator of all, though you have shaped us as an ecosystem, we are surrounded by illusions of individualism. Resources are privatized. People suffer in isolation. Even joy is hoarded. May we be a community brave and vulnerable enough to live otherwise. That we may become so much more together than we could ever be alone. 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

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

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”
Chancel Choir

arr. W. Dawson

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

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For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as God chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all

teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

Sermon “Three Simple Rules: Stay in Love with God” Rev. Nate Melcher
 “First Thing First” Worship Series 3 of 4 Barb Rogers

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 “Awake My Soul” by Mumford and Sons
 Living Waters Band

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Gratitude

Glorious God, the beauty in your creation is awesome. We are often speechless by the majesty of your mountains, oceans, forests and rivers. Yet, you enthrall us with something even as small as a fragile snowflake or a grain of sand. Your genius and power is manifest in the natural world. We share these gifts as stewards of your resplendent creation. We affirm our responsibility to use natural resources in God-honoring ways. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

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

Postlude

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

arr. R. Vandall

**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 23

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.

Next Sunday

Church Conference

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 nmelcher@richfieldumc.org.

MCCI—Implementing our Prescriptions

MCCI activation is underway! Over the next few weeks, you can expect surveys to share your opinions and opportunities to join short-term teams and taskforces and implement our MCCI prescriptions. Please review the [MCCI Report](#) and prayerfully consider which teams call to you. Items will be announced in worship and by email. 2022 will be a memorable year in the life of this church - may we feel God break through!

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, Jane Parry, Pat Norton, and Helen Bodger.

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 23, 2022

9:30 am Worship

Monday, January 24, 2022

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Youth Group

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Friday, January 28, 2022

Saturday, January 29, 2022

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, January 30, 2022

9:30 am Worship

10:35 am Semi-Annual Church Conference

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Scott Clarke, Nancy Dierauer, Brad Gardner,
Greg Locke, Lyra Olson, Gretta Thorson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

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