



February 13, 2022 at 9:30 am
6th Sunday after the Epiphany



ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

***Rise in body or spirit**

Prelude

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

by G. Shearing

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship* (Luke 6)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Poor or despairing, come to be blessed.

Hungry or tired, come to be restored.

Sorrowing or sighing, come to discover joy.

Bring your tired, your poor.

Share your hopes, your dreams.

Embrace your doubts, your fears.

Come as you are.

All are welcome here.

Gathering Hymn

“Were You There”

Spiritual/arr. W. F. Smith

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

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Centering Prayer (Luke 6, Psalm 1)

Shepherd of our souls, guide us through times of woe, and help us find your solace and peace. Forgive us in times of sin and sorrow, and lead into your redeeming love. Resurrect us in times of death and despair, and lead into newness of life, that we may be the blessing we seek for everyone we meet. 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

“Blessed Are You”
Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Readings

Alicia Owens

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (NRSV)

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalms 1 (NRSV)

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (NRSV)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Sermon

“In God We Trust” Rev. Franklyn Rodriguez
“Legacy” Worship Series 2 of 4 New Hispanic/Latinx
UM Church Plant

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

“He’s Never Failed Me Yet”
Rajane Brown, soloist

by Cece Winans

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

Loving God, we are so thankful that you, through your son, Jesus Christ, have come and stood on a level place with us. We need you to abide with us in our ordinary, everyday lives. We, your gathered crowd of disciples, participate in this act of worship by offering you a portion of the money that we have earned from the work of our ordinary, everyday lives. We dedicate these gifts to your service. We pray in the name of the one who heals, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

Spiritual/adapt. W. F. Smith

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)
2. Everywhere I go
3. All through the night

Benediction

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

Postlude

“He’s Been Faithful”
Rajane Brown, soloist

by Carol Cymbala

**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, February 13

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring Collection Concludes

Thank you all who brought soup can to the church during the "Souper Bowl" drive. You can also make a financial gift to help supply nutritious soup to the hungry at richfieldumc.org/give.

Confirmation class immediately following worship in the Grace Room.

Youth Group This Wednesday, February 16

Wednesdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Youth Room Join Rev. Hope, Pastor Nate, and your fellow teens and other servant volunteers for an evening of games, guest speakers, video discussion, check-in, and building community together. Contact: Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Call For Lent Devotional Submissions

Deadline today—Please send submission today

The Lent daily devotional is written by you and your fellow church members and worshippers. The 2022 Lent theme is "Unafraid." You are invited to combine your courage and creativity to write a submission for this all-original collection.

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.



Richfield UMC 2022 MCCI Breakthrough Teams

As a church, we agreed last fall to accept and act upon our MCCI Report. As we enter the new year, it's time to assemble our MCCI Breakthrough Teams, partner with MCCI Coaches, and activate these short-term 2022 teams to move boldly forward!

Go to surveymonkey.com/r/mcciteams to put your faith in action.

Ongoing and Open

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

March 7: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson
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

In-person or contact Kent, 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, Susan (SK) Johnson, Jane Parry, and Pat Norton.

Prayers for Comfort: All those in hospice and their families.

Prayers for those who are Grieving:

- * The family and friends of Sharon Morrow who died on January 31, especially Donald Morrow. A service will be held in spring.
- * The family and friends of Elaine Peterson who died on January 26. A private service will be held.
- * The family and friends of Edith Armstrong who died on January 18. A service was held earlier this month.

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, February 13, 2022

9:30 am Worship
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Indoor Sunday School
10:40 am Confirmation

Monday, February 14, 2022

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

9:00 am CFC Children's Church
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

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

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Friday, February 18, 2022

Saturday, February 19, 2022

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

Sunday, February 20, 2022

9:30 am Worship
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Indoor Sunday School

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Rajane Brown, Nancy Dierauer, Greg Locke,
Lyra Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Alicia Owens,
Rev. Franklyn Rodriguez

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Dale Olson

Please let the church office know if you or someone from the church is hospitalized or immediately pre or post hospitalization. As care team member in-person visits are on hold, the care extended by the Parish Minister team will come in a phone call or hand-written note. The Parish Minister for the week of February 13 is Mary Martha Butler.

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