



February 27, 2022 at 9:30 am
Transfiguration Sunday



ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

***Rise in body or spirit**

Prelude “What the World Needs Now Is Love” by Burt Bacharach

Land Acknowledgment*

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of the Dakota People.

These lands hold historical, spiritual, and personal significance to the Dakota People.

We are grateful for Indigenous Nations and their continued stewardship of these lands and we appreciate their perseverance and strength.

The Dakota People were harmed by the United States government through broken promises and unjust treaties, including the Cession 289 Treaty of 1851 which names the Wahpeton and Sisseton Bands.

These atrocities effectively stole this geographical area and further harm and trauma have come through displacement, ethnic cleansing, and genocide.

This church formed in 1854 as one of the first institutions established by white settlers in this geographical area and benefited directly from this harm inflicted upon the Dakota People.

In repentance, this church seeks active partnership with Native American communities and organizations in the State of Minnesota and beyond.

We affirm tribal sovereignty. We reject attitudes of invisibility and erasure of Indigenous Peoples. We oppose policies and actions that threaten or demean Indigenous culture and tribal sovereignty by any means.

We call upon our fellow houses of worship in the interfaith community to acknowledge the realities of the lands on which they gather and take educational and restorative justice action.

With God's help, we commit to doing better. Amen.

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship* (Exodus 34, Psalm 99, Luke 9)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

**Mighty Ruler, Most High,
Lover of Justice, Mystery Hidden in Cloud,
Great One, Forgiving God,
Enthroned One, Mountain Dweller;
You are exalted over all people.
We praise your great and awesome names.
We worship at your holy mountain.
For you, O God, are holy!**

Gathering Hymn

“Wade In the Water” Spiritual/harm. Diana Kodner

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

Refrain:

Wade in the water, wade in the water,
children, wade in the water,
God's a gonna trouble the water.

1. See that host all dressed in white,
God's a gonna trouble the water;
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God's a gonna trouble the water. (Refrain)
3. Look over yonder, what do I see?
God's a gonna trouble the water;
Holy Ghost a comin' on me,
God's a gonna trouble the water. (Refrain)

Centering Prayer (Exodus 34, Psalm 99, Luke 9)

Mighty, tender, and forgiving God, talk of your radiant glory sometimes leaves us feeling lackluster. We face daily challenges that can dull the shine of our lives. When we figure these challenges out, we feel good at our success, but when we are unable, we feel unsure, afraid, and confused. We sometimes wonder if we have the capacity to shine in a world of shadow. Polish the mirror of our lives, that we might reflect you more each day, even in times of fear and uncertainty. 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 “Amazing Grace” by J. Newton/harm. E. Excell

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading Mark 10:17-31 (NRSV)

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all

these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Sermon “Experiencing Beloved Community With Our Full Senses”
“Legacy” Worship Series 4 of 4 Kelly Sherman-Conroy

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

“Make Them Hear You”

by S. Flaherty/L. Ahrens

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

Gracious God, like Moses, we often seem veiled in our daily lives when given an opportunity to share your splendor. Our minds become focused on the temporal and the materialistic. We ashamedly view the world as our kingdom and not your kingdom. Lift the veils on our souls so our thoughts and deeds are transformed from any selfish desire to your calling and vision. We offer ourselves to you here and now. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“Steal Away to Jesus”

Spiritual/arr. W. F. Smith

Refrain:

Steal away, steal away; steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home. I ain’t got long to stay here.

1. My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the thunder;
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain’t got long to stay here. (Refrain)
2. Green trees a-bending, poor sinners stand a-trembling;
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain’t got long to stay here. (Refrain)

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Old Man River”

by J. Kern/O. Hammerstein

**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 27

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.

Confirmation class immediately following worship in the Grace Room.

Lent Devotional

Copies of the 2022 Lent Devotional are available today in the Commons area. Copies are also available online at richfieldumc.org/devo. Daily entries will be posted on the [church's Facebook page](#) beginning on March 2.

This Wednesday

Lent Begins Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday Worship Service on March 2 at 7:00pm

In-Person, Online at youtube.com/richfieldumc and by touch tone phone: 1.888.650.5835.

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

Thursday, March 17th, 1:00-2:00 pm (note: 3rd Thursday of the month)

Program by Grace Hospice: *The Gift of Hospice and The Journey of Grief*.

Both in-person and online; the church bus will be available.

For in-person, please RSVP by March 15. Sign-up sheet located on the table in the commons area or contact Nurse Kay, 612-861-6086

or kbergeland@richfieldumc.org

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

“UNAFRAID” Lent Worship Series begins next Sunday

What is your greatest fear? Is it a fear that you have faced or one you expect to confront some day? Who knows about this fear? What is your support system for it? We all live with fear in our lives. What we do with that fear is what counts. The words “Do not be afraid” appear in some form in scripture over 140 times. God is trying to tell us something important—will we listen? This Lent, we will explore a variety of topics that bring fear to many. We may end up with more questions than answers, but we will go through this together and with God. This worship series is supplemented by the video series *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* on Amplify Media. You can watch with your free account at amplifymedia.com, the Amplify app (Apple, Google, Amazon, or Roku), and the latest option - directly from the church's website: richfieldumc.org/amplify. You may also be interested in picking up a copy of Rev. Adam Hamilton's book of the same name.

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 of Celebration: Rev. Hope Hutchison, provisional deacon, affirmed for full ordination as a deacon by the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Laurel Lien, Caroline Riley, Bill Hillger, Susan (SK) Johnson, and Jane Parry.

Prayers for Comfort: Maxene Schwanke and her family.

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 27, 2022

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

Monday, February 28, 2022

Tuesday, March 01, 2022

9:00 am CFC Children's Church
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, March 02, 2022

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am CFC Soccer
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service
7:30 pm Youth Group

Thursday, March 03, 2022

Friday, March 04, 2022

Saturday, March 05, 2022

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

Sunday, March 06, 2022

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

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: JoeNathan Thomas, vocal; Greg Locke, guitar; Lyra Olson, bass;
Victor Zupanc, piano

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Kelly Sherman-Conroy

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

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 27 is Kate Currie.

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