



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 6, 2022 at 9:30 am
1st Sunday in Lent



ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude	“O Man Bemoan Thy Grievous Sins”	by J. S. Bach
Welcome		Rev. Nate Melcher
Call to Worship		Rev. Hope Hutchison
	When disasters strike, where can we go?	
	God is always with us.	
	When enemies surround us, whom can we trust?	
	Christ is always with us.	
	When life is hard, who can ease the load?	
	The Spirit is always there to sustain us.	
	Come, let us worship the God of our salvation.	

Gathering Hymn “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert” by Stuempfle/Williams

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

1. Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
“Use your power,” the tempter tells him;
“turn these barren rocks to bread!”
“Not alone by bread,” he answers, “can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!”
5. When we face temptation’s power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour, come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

Prayer of Confession

Your ways, Merciful One, always lead to life. When our faith falters, and when we forget the promises you have made, remind us of your steadfast love. When our strength fails us in the wilderness of life, and when temptations threaten to lead us astray, remind us of Jesus’s faithfulness. When our world seems imperiled by forces beyond our control, remind us that you are our refuge and strength. In the name of Jesus, we pray for your presence, as we journey this Lenten journey with him all the way to the cross. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

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 “Kyrie eleison” (Lord, Have Mercy) by Owen/Ellis
Chancel Choir
Tiffany Holt, flute

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

And

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Sermon

“Understanding and Countering Fear”
“Unafraid” Worship Series 1 of 5

Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Lynn Borgeson

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.*

Receiving the Sacrament

*There is no barrier between you and the table.
All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.*

Music During Communion

**"In Remembrance"
Chancel Choir**

by B. Red

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

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.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

folk hymn

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
he had to walk it by himself.
3. You must go and stand your trial;
you have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
you have to stand it by yourself.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Christ Has Saved Us”

by J. S. Bach

**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, March 6

“UNAFRAID” Lent Worship Series begins today

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.

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 are posted on the [church’s Facebook page](#).

Youth Group This Wednesday, March 9

Wednesdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Grace Room Come on Wednesday evenings for games, guest speakers, video discussion, check-in, and building community together. Contact: Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Next Sunday, March 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.

Confirmation class immediately following worship in the Grace Room.

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)

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.

Our prayers are a beautiful expression of care and solidarity for each other.

We pray in celebration.

We pray with gratitude.

We pray for those who are ill: Paula Milani, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Laurel Lien, Caroline Riley, Bill Hillger, Susan (SK) Johnson, and Jane Parry.

We pray for those who seek comfort: Maxene Schwanke.

We pray for those who grieve.

We pray for our neighbors.

We pray for all in the RUMC community.

Please call the church office to be included in any of the prayers of our church.

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, March 06, 2022

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

Monday, March 07, 2022

1:30 pm Women Who Read

Tuesday, March 08, 2022

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

Wednesday, March 09, 2022

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am CFC Soccer
5:30 pm Church and Society Meeting
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Youth Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Friday, Friday, March 11, 2022

10:00 am CFC Soccer

Saturday, March 12, 2022

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

Sunday, March 13, 2022

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

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Tiffany Holt, The Chancel Choir

Liturgists: Rev. Lynn Borgeson, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Dale Olson, Steve Warner, 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 March 6 is Dave Couillard.

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