



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 13, 2022 at 9:30 am
2nd Sunday of Lent

How often have I desired to gather
your children together as a hen
gathers her brood under her wings.

Luke 13:34b

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ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

***Rise in body or spirit**

Prelude

“Deep River”
Brad Gardner, soloist

Trad./arr. Moses Hogan

Welcome

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Call to Worship* (Psalm 27, Philippians 3-4)

Rev. Nate Melcher

The Holy One calls us to trust and pray.

God is our light and salvation, the stronghold of our lives.

The Holy One calls us to take courage as we travel the path with Jesus.

Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on our journeys.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Behold the beauty of the Holy One, and bless God’s holy name.

Gathering Hymn “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is calling” by W. J. Thompson

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

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

4. O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

Centering Prayer (Genesis 15, Luke 13)

Lifegiving lover of all nations, you promised Abraham and Sarah that their descendants would be more plentiful than all the stars in the night sky. You made a covenant to guide them throughout the ages. Just as you guide our ancestors in faith, guide us here today, and teach us your ways. Help us remember the ancient stories, even as we place our trust in you and exalt your name. 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.

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

Sermon “Facing Today’s Challenges” Rev. Hope Hutchison
Unafraid” Worship Series 2 of 5

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

“If We Only Have Love”
Sung by Victor Zupanc

by Jacques Brel

THANKSGIVING

Doxology

by T. Ken/attr. L. Bourgeois

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Prayer of Gratitude*

God of Salvation, you challenge us to remain connected wholeheartedly to your Word, rather than to spend time on petty worries and fears. You and you alone, lead us on a level path. Now, we ardently listen for your call in our lives. We praise you for reaching out to us. In this moment of offering a portion of our income to you, we reach out to you. We reach out seeking your grace. You are the stronghold of our lives! Praise to you now and forevermore. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“Thy Holy Wings, O Savior” by C. V. Sandell-berg
trans. By Gracia Grindal

1. Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
O be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my every moment be lived within thy grace.
2. O wash me in the waters of Noah’s cleansing flood;
give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
And take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Toccata in d minor”

by G. Nevin

**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 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.

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 16

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.

This Thursday, March 17

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)

Bring it Home Minnesota

Our mission partner, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collective, who organizes Families Moving Forward, has asked us to send in digital postcards in support of Bring it Home Minnesota, which is a bill that is currently before the Minnesota Congress. This would help stabilize housing and rent assistance throughout the state. If you are interested, the form and instructions are here: <https://tinyurl.com/BeaconPostcard2022>.

2022 Easter Flower Donations

You are invited to honor your loved ones by giving towards the flowers that will be used to beautify the church for this year's Easter celebration. An order forms can be found in the Commons Area or on the back of the March/April edition of the Heartline newsletter. Please return the form with your payment by Sunday, April 10 to ensure the loved ones you are honoring are listed in the bulletin.

Ongoing and Open

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

April 4: The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

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.

Sunday School - Following the Time with Children, from September-May, children may worship or go to Sunday School. Meet your teachers in the Nook. 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, Jane Parry, Sandy Nelson, and Curtis Stull's stepson, Robert McCoy.

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 13, 2022

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

Monday, March 14, 2022

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

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

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

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

Thursday, March 17, 2022

1:00 pm Time for LIFE

Friday, March 18, 2022

10:00 am CFC Soccer

Saturday, March 19, 2022

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

Sunday, March 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: Nancy Dierauer, Ann Johnson, Victor Zupanc, Chancel Bell Choir

Liturgists: 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 13 is Merry Rendahl.

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