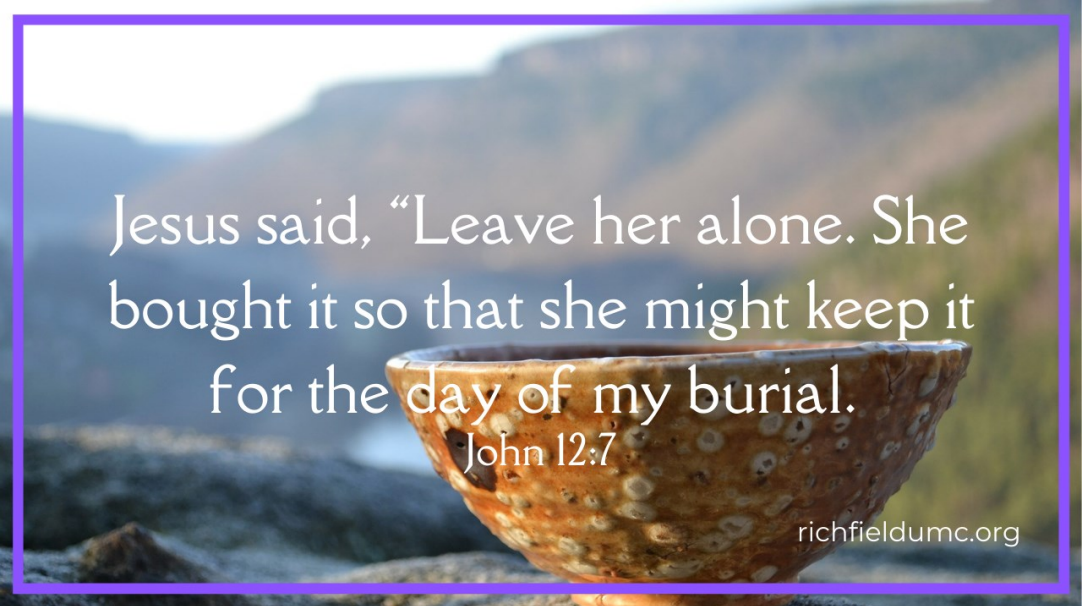




RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 3, 2022 at 9:30 am  
5th Sunday in Lent



bold = in unison

\*Rise in body or spirit

## ENTRANCE

Prelude "Andante in d minor" by J. S. Bach

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship\* (Psalm 126) Rev. Hope Hutchison

When the Lord restored our fortunes, we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues were loosed with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.**

Restore our fortunes, O God, like ancient flowing streams.

**Let those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!**

*Please remember to wear your mask when we are singing as a church during in-person worship due to pandemic concerns. Thank you for your cooperation.*

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,  
ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

4. Beautiful Savior!  
Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, you call us into your glorious future. When we dwell on the past, you tell us to no longer remember the things of old. When we fail to notice the poor among us, you call us to give freely of what we have. When we are reluctant to share our gifts and talents, you give your own life so that we may live. Free us, Holy Spirit, from self-absorption and from fear. 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

“You Raise Me Up”  
Scott Clarke, soloist

by R. Lovland/B. Graham  
arr. by M. Hayes

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8 (NRSV)

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

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

Sermon

“Aging, Illness, and Death ”  
“Unafraid” Worship Series 5 of 5

Rev. Nate Melcher

## THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Faith We Sing Hymnal 2257 a-d

*Please wear your mask.*

The LORD be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the LORD.**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord;

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!

Amen. Amen. Amen  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!

#### 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](http://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

“Fugue in g minor”  
Nancy Dierauer, organ

by J. S. Bach

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\*

“A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”

by Brian Wren

*Please wear your mask.*

A prophet-woman broke a jar,  
by Love’s divine appointing.  
With rare perfume she filled the room,  
presiding and anointing.  
A prophet-woman broke a jar,  
the sneers of scorn defying.  
With rare perfume she filled the room,  
preparing Christ for dying.  
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,  
by Love’s divine ordaining,  
the friends we need, to serve and lead,  
their powers and gifts unchaining.  
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,  
from women, men, and children,  
the friends we need, to serve and lead.  
Rejoice, and make them welcome!

## Benediction

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

## Postlude

“Prelude in e minor”

by J. Pachelbel

**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, April 3

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### Sunday School

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](mailto:hhutchison@richfieldumc.org).

## This Saturday, April 9

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### Easter Egg Hunt

Come join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9 from 2-4pm! On 4/9, you can help with crafts, games, or welcoming new people onto our beautiful campus. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/5853c9ct>. If you have questions contact Rev. Hope at [hhutchison@richfieldumc.org](mailto:hhutchison@richfieldumc.org).

## Next Sunday, April 10

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**Palm Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 am**

**Sunday School**, children leave worship following the Time with Children

**Confirmation class** immediately following worship in the Grace Room.

## Youth Group this Wednesday, April 6

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**Wednesdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Grace Room**

Contact: Rev. Hope at [hhutchison@richfieldumc.org](mailto:hhutchison@richfieldumc.org).

## 2022 Easter Flower Donations

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**Please return the form with your payment by next Sunday, April 10.**

You are invited to honor your loved ones by giving towards the flowers for this year's Easter celebration. Order forms are available in the Commons Area or on the back of the March/April edition of the Heartline newsletter.

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

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**Thursday, April 14, 1:00-2:00 pm**

**Program: "Vanishing Landmarks", with speaker Doug Ohman**

**Both in-person and online**; the church bus will be available. For in-person, please RSVP by April 12. Sign-up sheet located on the table in the commons area or contact Nurse Kay, 612-861-6086 or [kbergeland@richfieldumc.org](mailto: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)

## Holy Week and Easter worship services in-person and online

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**Palm Sunday:** April 10 at 9:30 am

**Maundy Thursday:** April 14 at 7:00 pm

**Good Friday:** April 15 at 7:00 pm

**Easter Vigil:** April 16 (online-only, 2021 rebroadcast)

**Easter Sunday:** April 17 at 9:30 am

## 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](mailto:wfalbertson@gmail.com), to get connected.

**Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study**

Contact Molly Reko, [mollyreko@comcast.net](mailto:mollyreko@comcast.net), to get connected.

**Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study**

Contact Kent Johnson, [kentjmn@gmail.com](mailto:kentjmn@gmail.com), to get connected.

**Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group**

Contact Kent Johnson, [kentjmn@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Time with Children** - Children of all ages are invited to experience a message just for them. Parent/guardians are welcome to join their children too.

**Sunday School** - Following 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, Jane Parry, Sandy Nelson, Curtis Stull's stepson, Robert McCoy, and Bev Crandall.

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, April 03, 2022

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

### Monday, April 04, 2022

1:30 pm Women Who Read  
5:00 pm Parish Companion Meeting

### Tuesday, April 05, 2022

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

### Wednesday, April 06, 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, April 07, 2022

### Friday, Friday, April 08, 2022

10:00 am CFC Soccer

### Saturday, April 09, 2022

8:30 am Men's Group  
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group  
2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt

### Sunday, April 10, 2022

9:30 am Worship  
(+Live streamed & archived)  
9:45 am 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: Scott Clarke, Nancy Dierauer

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: 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 handwritten note. The Parish Minister for the week of April 3 is Gretta Thorson.

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