



April 17, 2022 at 9:30 am
Easter Day



ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

***Rise in body or spirit**

+Wear a mask if you sing

Prelude

“Canzona per sonare No. 4”

G. Gabrielli

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

arr. D. Cherwein

“Danza”

T. Susato/arr. K. McChesney

“Dance Prelude on ‘Thine is the Glory’”

G. F. Handel/arr. K. Grinnell

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Centering Prayer

Holy Mystery, your presence is a wonder. Rolling open the tombs within and around us, you declare life where we thought there was only death. May your Spirit move among us, awakening us to the possibilities that persist. Possibilities for joy, for new life, and for the mending of the world. On this Easter Sunday of holy resurrection, hear us in our Breakthrough Prayer, a prayer that calls for holy resurrection in the life of this church:

Breakthrough Prayer

The People of Richfield UM

**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

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

Sharing the Peace

The Children of Richfield UMC

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor with a sign of peace.

Lighting Our Conflux Candles

*You are invited to safely light a candle or lamp to celebrate
the moments this week where your life's journey met God's heart.*

Celebration Music “Shout Alleluia to the Risen Lamb” by V. Johnson
Chancel Choir
Scott Clarke and Tiffany Holt, soloists

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Song “Easter Morning” by P. Christiansen
Chancel Choir
Tiffany Holt, soloist

Gospel Reading John 20:1-18 NRSV

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had

said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Holy One. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon “How Do I Do That Again?!” Rev. Nate Melcher

Sharing Our Gifts

This year’s Easter offering supports Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Every Meal (formerly Sheridan Story), and the ministries of Richfield UMC. Make your gift in-person, by mail, or online: richfieldumc.org/give. Thank you for your generosity as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Offertory “Easter Gloria” by M. Hayes
Chancel Choir

THANKSGIVING

Doxology*+ “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Gratitude and Easter Proclamation*

Majestic One, today we celebrate the miracle that was created for all who are ready to receive. Your absolute decree of the Risen Son reminds us that our faith is connected intimately to your amazing, unwavering love. The unconditional love that you repeatedly uplift is our reminder to love all of your children. Multiply these gifts so the promises of a seemingly distant heaven become more of a reality on Earth. Glory Hallelujah! Amen and amen!

SENDING FORTH

Solo

“Gloria (My Savior Lives)”
Paige Armstrong, soloist

by Rob Gardner

Benediction

Even in a world aching with loss,
and crying out for repair,
the joy of Christ alive is our steady companion.
**The same Spirit that has sustained hope through the centuries
promises to see us through these days.**
That we might hang on to beauty,
fight for justice,
and celebrate the gifts of loving and being loved,
we go proclaiming our hallelujahs.
Our Christ is risen. Our hope is eternal.
He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!
He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!
He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!
...And until we meet again,
let us live in faith, justice, and joy! Amen.

Postlude

“Toccata in F” (from: Symphony V)

by C. M. Widor

**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 17

Happy Easter!

The Easter tradition to adorn the church with beautiful flowers is made possible by generous donations from our RUMC community, thank you.

This Tuesday, April 19

Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:30 am in the Heritage Room

There is plenty of food for thought in scripture, for as old as the scriptures are, they are alive with truth for these days. Try something new-this is a group of Women who will welcome you! We gather both in-person and online. Contact Molly Reko, mollyreko@comcast.net, to get connected.

This Wednesday, April 20

Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 9:00 am in Grace Room

All men are welcome to read and discuss upcoming sermon scripture passages for its context then and its relevance now. This We gather both in-person and online. Contact Kent Johnson, kentjmn@gmail.com, to get connected.

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

Contact: Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Next Sunday, April 24

New Spring Worship Series, "X MARKS THE SPOT," Begins

This spring, we're going to equip ourselves with spiritual practices to prepare for the sporadic summer season. For many, summer is a season with different rhythms. Less school, more travel. Less structure, more freedom. Less patterns, more improvisation. Get ready for amazing music and fresh ideas to deepen your faith. If a disciple's path is already hard to follow on a day-to-day basis, let us draw up a map that leads to the great treasure of Easter: Jesus resurrected!

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 Pastor Nate's office.

Art of Hospitality Online Conference

Thursday, April 28, 9:00am-3:00pm, Grace Room (in-person only)

Join Pastor Nate and others for this online conference. You will discover how to create a culture of radical hospitality that will help your church thrive.

Lunch is on us if you pre-register with Pastor Nate,
nmelcher@richfieldumc.org!

Ongoing and Open

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

May 2: In Five Years by Rebecca Serle

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.

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, Curtis Stull's stepson, Robert McCoy, Bev Crandall, Dave Couillard, and Agnes Danzl.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve: The family and friends of Maxene Schwanke who died on March 31. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Forest Hills United Methodist Church, 1790 11th Street SE, Forest Lake. Visitation prior to the service.

Peter and Nikki Johnson, son and daughter-in-law of SK and Susan Johnson, on the sudden death of their nephew, John.

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 17, 2022

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

Monday, April 18, 2022

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

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

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

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

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Friday, April 22, 2022

10:30 am CFC Soccer

Saturday, April 23, 2022

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

Sunday, April 24, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service
(+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: Chris Allen, Paige Armstrong, Gavin Carney, Scott Clarke,
Nancy Dierauer, Rich Frevert, Tiffany Holt, Grant Jensen, Ann Johnson,
Rev. Bill Johnson, Chancel Bell Choir, Chancel Choir

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

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 April 17 is Kate Currie.

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