



**April 24, 2022 at 9:30 am**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**



## **ENTRANCE**

**bold = in unison**

**\*Rise in body or spirit**

**+Wear a mask if you sing**

Prelude

**“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”**

by Delores Dufner

Welcome

Rev. Wayne Albertson

Call to Worship\* (Psalm 150)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Praise the Lord.

**Praise God in the sanctuaries.**

**Worship God in the mighty firmament.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

**Praise God with trumpet and horn.**

**Worship God with lute and harp.**

Let the people of God sing their praise.

**Praise God with tambourine and dance.**

**Worship God with strings and pipes.**

Let the faithful join the strain.

**Praise God with clashing cymbals.**

**Praise God with beating drums. Praise the Lord!**

Gathering Hymn\*+ “Raised, He’s Been Raised from the Dead” by Brooks/Logan

Refrain:

Raised, he’s been raised from the dead.  
Raised, he’s been raised from the dead.  
Raised, he’s been raised from the dead.  
Yes, Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. (1st time through repeat)

1. The grave no longer holds him;  
The tomb, it cannot hide him;  
And death can no more claim him;  
Yes, Jesus Christ is raised from the dead.  
Oh, yes, Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. (Refrain)
2. Sin and sorrow lost their sway.  
Angels rolled the stone away.  
Christ, our Lord, is risen today.  
Yes, Jesus Christ is raised from the dead.  
Oh, yes, Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. (Refrain)

Centering Prayer

Eternal God, who was and is and is to come, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. Come to us now in visions and dreams, that our eyes may see more than they see, and our hearts may love more than they love. Make yourself known to us in this time of worship, for in you, we live and move and have our being. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

Breakthrough Prayer

The People of Richfield UMC

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

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

"Grace Alone"

by S. W. Brown/J. Nelson

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

CEB

At one time you were like a dead person because of the things you did wrong and your offenses against God. You used to live like people of this world. You followed the rule of a destructive spiritual power. This is the spirit of disobedience to God's will that is now at work in persons whose lives are characterized by disobedience. At one time you were like those persons. All of you used to do whatever felt good and whatever you thought you wanted so that you were children headed for punishment just like everyone else.

However, God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God's grace! And God raised us up and seated us in the heavens with Christ Jesus. God did this to show future generations the greatness of his grace by the goodness that God has shown us in Christ Jesus.

You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. It's not something you did that you can be proud of. Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

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

Sermon

"We Must Tell the Story"

Rev. Cynthia Williams

River Valley District Superintendent

## 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 online at [richfieldumc.org/give](http://richfieldumc.org/give)  
supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.  
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

## Offertory

“Fields of Gold”

by Sting

# THANKSGIVING

Doxology\*+ “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UM Hymnal 94

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\*

Holy Spirit, we are like young children as we hear again that Jesus Christ is risen. We believe in the Easter Story. Your power is so great and so loving. Our hearts are filled with peace; our minds are expanded with understanding. Help us to share your power so that this offering is multiplied and brings relief to those needing to know you, the great I AM. Amen.

# SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn\*+      “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”      UM Hymnal 206

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

Benediction

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

Postlude      “Here Comes the Sun”      by George Harrison

**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 24

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#### **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. 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](mailto:hhutchison@richfieldumc.org).

Confirmation class immediately following worship in Pastor Nate’s office.

### This Thursday, April 28

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#### **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. *Lunch is on us if you pre-register with Pastor Nate*, [nmelcher@richfieldumc.org](mailto:nmelcher@richfieldumc.org)!

### This Wednesday, April 20

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

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

### Next Sunday, May 1

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**Love Offering**—Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. The funds this year will go to:

- The Red Bird Missionary Conference in Appalachia (40 percent)
- Food insecurity across Minnesota (50 percent, divided)
  - Holy Grounds at Centenary UMC, Mankato (17 percent)
  - Simpson Food Pantry, Minneapolis (17 percent)
  - West African Family and Community Food Shelf, Brooklyn Center (17 percent)
- Volunteers in Mission scholarships (10 percent)

Confirmation class immediately following worship in Pastor Nate’s office.

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

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Thursday, May 12, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Program: **Music, Memories, and Laughter** by the GraceNotes Trio

In-person only! Church bus available

Sign up in the Commons or email [kbergeland@richfieldumc.org](mailto:kbergeland@richfieldumc.org) by May 5.

No cost. Free will donation. If covid restrictions allow and you would like, enjoy a spring dessert by our very own chef Kelsey following the program!

## **Ongoing and Open**

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

May 2: In Five Years by Rebecca Serle

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, 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 was held on April 23.

\*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 24, 2022

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

### Monday, April 25, 2022

### Tuesday, April 26, 2022

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

### Wednesday, April 27, 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 28, 2022

9:00 am Art of Hospitality Online  
Conference

### Friday, April 29, 2022

10:30 am CFC Soccer

### Saturday, April 30, 2022

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

### Sunday, May 01, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service  
(+Live streamed & archived)  
10:40 am Confirmation

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Greg Locke, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Wayne Albertson, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Cynthia Williams

Tech Crew: TY Moore, 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 April 24 is Pat Norton.

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