



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 1, 2022 at 9:30 am
3rd Sunday of Easter



ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

***Rise in body or spirit**

+Wear a mask if you sing

Prelude

“Alleluia”

by W. A. Mozart

Welcome

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Call to Worship*

Rev. Nate Melcher

God of Unfolding,
God of Becoming,
God of Transforming

God of Revelation
God of Revolution
Ancient God of Beginning Again:

We celebrate your Creative and Creating Love!
Lead us in Your ways of Expansive Life.

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

Prayer of Confession

Holy Spirit, like Saul, we move in and out of various bodily abilities throughout our lives. We desire to build communities that support us in whatever changes we face, permanent or temporary, bodily or spiritually. School our hearts with your Wisdom, that we might co-create Ways of Life, accessible to all. May our structures and our hearts be free from ableism that all can thrive among us. We confess this in your mercy. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

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

“Rise and Shine”
Chancel Choir

by Rollo Dilworth

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-19

NRSV

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

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

Sermon

"For Growth"
"X Marks the Spot" Worship Series 1 of 5

Rev. Hope Hutchison

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion+

Setting C, UM Hymnal p. 20-22

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.

...And so,

With your people on earth and all the company of heaven

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

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 supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.

Thank you for your extravagant generosity.

Receiving the Sacrament

Music During Communion “Come, Share this Feast of Love” by L. Larson
Chancel Choir

Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament*

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.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*+ “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” TFWS Hymnal 2129

- 1. I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus -
no turning back, no turning back.**
- 2. The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me -
no turning back, no turning back.**

Benediction

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

Postlude “I Know that Christ Is Raised” by D. Cherwein

**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, May 1

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 in Minnesota (50 percent) divided among 3 food shelves
- Volunteers in Mission scholarships (10 percent)

Recycle Information Station—Pick up the answers to last Sunday's questions How to recycle vacuum cleaners, light bulbs, and orange plastic pill bottles? Bring questions for this week and your clean pill bottles to recycle here.

Maple Syrup for sale in the Commons today. Proceeds support scholarships for the youth mission trip and summer camp.

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

Women Who Read (WWR), 1st Mondays of the Month

1:30-3:00 pm, online by Zoom Are a woman who enjoys good books and thoughtful discussion, then join fellow readers. 5/2 *In Five Years* by R. Serle; 6/6 *A Thousand Ships* by N. Haynes. Contact Fern wfalbertson@gmail.com.

Next Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day Muffins! We'll have muffins after worship on Sunday, May 8, to celebrate all who play a positive, motherly role!

Sunday School—children leave worship after the Time with Children. As always, children are welcome in worship. Contact: Rev. Hope, hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

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

Thursday, May 12, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, In-person only! Church bus available

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

Sign up in the Commons or email kbergeland@richfieldumc.org by May 5.

No cost. Free will donation. Our current plan is to enjoy a spring dessert by our very own chef Kelsey following the program!

Advance Care Planning—Make your health care & end of life decisions known

Sunday, May 15th, 10:45 - 11:45 am, in the Fireside Room

Facilitator: Rev. Edward Holland, Parish Nurse Kay will be present as well.

Sign-ups are encouraged, though walk-ins are welcomed that morning. Sign-up sheet in the commons area. For childcare RSVP to Rev. Hope by 5/8

For the month of May—Bring your...

- **clean pill bottles** place at the Recycle Information Station
- **paper grocery bags.** We'll use them at the God's Hands Thrift Store Great Give-Away on June 11, 9am-noon. Place bags in the box in the Commons.

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 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, May 01, 2022

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

Monday, May 02, 2022

1:30 pm Women Who Read

Tuesday, May 03, 2022

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

Wednesday, May 04, 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, May 05, 2022

Friday, May 06, 2022

10:30 am CFC Soccer

Saturday, May 07, 2022

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

Sunday, May 08, 2022

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

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Chancel Choir
Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher
Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, TY Moore, 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 May 1 is David Couillard.

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