



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 8, 2022 at 9:30 am
4th Sunday of Easter



"Peace be with you...
Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20:21-22

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ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

***Rise in body or spirit**

+Wear a mask if you sing

Prelude

"My Song Is Love Unknown" by R. Vaughan Williams

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship* (Psalm 30)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Sing praises to God, you people of faith.

We give thanks to God, who heals and restores.

Praise God who transforms us, who heals and loves us.

Praise God, who clothes us with joy.

Do not be silent. Praise the Lord!

We give thanks to our God, today and always.

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

Centering Prayer (Acts 9)

Wisdom of God, come and dwell among us. We gather to hear your word, and to sing your praise. We come as we are, trusting that your grace will perfect us. Interrupt our lives with your vision of truth and love. We praise you now and always. 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

“More Love”
Chancel Choir

by K. Siegfried

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

Peyton Owens

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked out of fear, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Creator has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“For Trust”
“X Marks the Spot” Worship Series 2 of 5

Rev. Nate Melcher

A Mother's Day Prayer for All Women

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

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.*

Offertory

“Shepherd Me, O God”
Tiffany Holt, soloist

by M. Haugen

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* (inspired by Psalm 23)

**Good Shepherd, you keep us safe in your Word through day and night.
You strip away any enemy if we focus on your righteousness. You never
lead us astray. You are the Alpha and the Omega. Your goodness and
mercy overflow in our lives. May these gifts with which you have
blessed us support ministries that bring others into your heavenly fold.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*+

“The Gift of Love”
Vs 1 and 3

UM Hymnal 408

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

by J. Stanley

**Thank you for worshipping 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 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—Today children leave worship following the Time with Children for Sunday School. As always, children are welcome in worship. Contact: Rev. Hope, hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

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

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

If you are interested in attending, but haven't already signed up, please contact Kay at 612-861-6086 or kbergeland@richfieldumc.org.

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

Youth Lock-In - May 13 - 14!—7pm on the 13th to 8am on the 14th.

There will be a service project, games, movies, and at least *some* sleep. Youth are allowed to bring one same gendered friend, and this event is free! Contact Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Next Sunday, May 15

Sunday School—Contact: Rev. Hope, hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Advance Care Planning Workshop

Making your health care and end of life decisions known

Sunday, May 15th, 10:45–11:45 am, in the Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Edward Holland, Sign-ups are encouraged, though walk-ins are welcomed that morning. Sign-up sheet in the commons area. For childcare RSVP to [Rev. Hope](mailto:Rev.Hope) by today, 5/8

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

Online-Only Worship May 29—youtube.com/richfieldumc or 888.650.5835

As announced at the church conference on January 30, the elected leaders of Ad Board approved a proposal to intentionally hold online-only worship with no in-person option on May 29, 2022 (Memorial Day weekend).

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.

Semi-Annual Meeting / Church Conference

Sunday, June 5 at 10:30 am in-person and online by Zoom

Meeting ID: 842-4704-2137, Passcode: 5835 Or call in: 312.626.6799 (standard rates may apply) There will be a brief church conference for the purpose of voting on new elected leaders immediately following worship. In-person attendance is encouraged, and a Zoom option will be available.

Ongoing and Open

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

June 6: A Thousand Ships by Natalie Haynes

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, Dave Couillard, and Agnes Danzl.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

- * The family, especially Don, and friends of Sharon Morrow who died earlier this year. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on Tues., May 31 at 11 am. A visitation and fellowship time will be the hour prior to the service.

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 08, 2022

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

Monday, May 09, 2022

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

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

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

9:00 am CFC Soccer
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm Church & Society Meeting
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Youth Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 12, 2022

1:00 pm Time for LIFE

Friday, May 13, 2022

10:30 am CFC Soccer
7:00 pm Youth Lock-In Begins

Saturday, May 14, 2022

8:00 am Youth Lock-In Ends
8:30 am Men's Group
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, May 15, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:40 am Confirmation
10:45 am Adult Education: Advance Care Directives

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer, Tiffany Holt, The Chancel Choir

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Peyton Owens

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 hand-written note. The Parish Minister for the week of May 8 is Mary Martha Butler.

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