



June 12, 2022 at 9:30 am
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude

“Ain't it a Pretty Night” [from: ‘Susannah’]
Lauren Senden, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient

by Carlisle Floyd

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (Psalm 130)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

We wait for the Lord,
our souls wait for the Lord, and find hope in God’s word.
Our souls wait for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.
Let us seek hope in our God,
whose power is enduring love, whose redemption brings healing and grace.
We wait for the Lord,
and find our hope in God’s presence.

Gathering Hymn

“My Life Flows On” The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2212
(How Can I Keep from Singing)
Vs. 1 and 4

1. My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

Centering Prayer

Randy Matheus

Holy One, in peace or in pain, we call to you, and you answer. Hear our voices, O God, and the cries of our hearts. Come and bring us your presence. Come and bring us your peace. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

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.

Time with Children

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

“The Doll Song” [from: ‘Les Contese d’Hoffmann’] by Jacques Offenbach
Lauren Senden, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

NRSV

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In God's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place

for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us God, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen God. How can you say, ‘Show us God’? Do you not believe that I am in God and God is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but God who dwells in me does holy works. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Creator. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Creator may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

Sermon

“Is there a right religion?”
“SO MANY QUESTIONS! #1” Worship Series 4 of 4

Rev. Nate Melcher

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.**

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

*Your gift by mail, phone, or through the secure online portal at richfieldumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“Song from a Secret Garden”
Pat Norton, cello

by Rolf Lovland

Doxology

UM Hymnal No. 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

Nurturing God, each day we witness untold miracles that are a testament of your love. Some spectacular miracles reverently remind us of Jesus' healing miracles. Other everyday miracles are quiet and soft like a gentle mother's whisper filled with beauty and wonder. We prayerfully ask that these gifts be used to reach those needing to experience the miracle of your love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Gracious and loving God, thank you for the precious moments in which we felt you close to us this week. Continue to break through to each of us with your Holy Spirit and reveal your amazing love to as many people as possible. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2146

Vs. 1 and 3

1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
3. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Benediction

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

Postlude

"Fanfare"

by G. Telemann



Thank you for worshiping as Richfield United Methodist Church.
We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.

Welcome Groth Scholarship recipient Lauren Senden! Lauren will be a junior at Baldwin Wallace University, Ohio. She will be studying vocal performance and musical theatre. Lauren is graduate from Mankato East High School, Mankato.

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Pat Norton

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Randy Matheus, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson and Garrett Johnson

Richfield UMC gathers on Dakota land. More at richfieldumc.org/land.

Today, June 12

Outdoor Worship is Summer Second Sundays—Mark your calendar for three outdoor worship services this summer, 6/12, 7/10, and 8/14. These services are in-person only. An alternative online and phone-in worship experience will be available those days.

June 12 at 9:30am, Richfield Bandshell
Graduation Sunday and Blessing of the Bicycles

Next outdoor worship: July 10 at 10:00 am, Lake Harriet bandshell

The Reconciling Ministries team of Richfield UMC will meet briefly following worship today, June 12th. Please gather at the end of worship near the bandshell and we will find a comfortable place to be. We will converse about the upcoming Pride Festival and Parade ('March') to be held on June 25 and 26, 2022, and share any initial ideas about those activities and resources by which we may more clearly uphold our identity as a Reconciling Congregation.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Begins Today

At "To Mars and Beyond" VBS we'll be learning all about how God's love is out of this world! VBS will be June 12-15, from 5-7pm at our church building. [Register](#) contact Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

30 Days of Prayer for CFC

All church members are called to pray for CFC families and staff here and yet to come. We have a critical need for more CFC staff and are hiring for part-time and full-time positions. Please spread the word and share our ad on [Facebook](#) and the [church website](#). If you have a person who loves kids and is looking for good work, please get us connected, thank you.

Reconciling Ministries

The Pride Festival and March schedule (June 25 & 26) are posted on a bulletin board and on a table in the commons. Opportunities to volunteer and participate are explained. RUMC, with other churches, will provide an active United Methodist presence in and support of Pride activities. For more info, or to express your interest, please see Wayne Albertson.

Free Summer Movie Nights

Wednesdays, June 29, July 6, 13, 20, & 27

5:30 pm Picnic on the lawn, eat your dinner brought from home

6:00 pm Movie begins

Watch a family-friendly movie. Bring your own dinner to enjoy on the lawn and then at 6:00 pm watch the movie. Movies will be held indoors with our giant projector screen. We'll have snacks. Everyone is welcome. The following Sunday's sermon will be inspired by that Wednesday's movie.

Wednesdays, June 29: Minions, July 06: Encanto, July 13: Enchanted

July 20: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey, July 27: The Wizard of Oz

Ongoing and Open

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

July 11: Fresh Water for Flowers by Valerie Perrin

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.

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 June 12 is Pat Norton.

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, Agnes Danzl, and Joan Hanson

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve: Andi and John Olson and family in the death of Andi’s brother, Justin Pusey.

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, June 12, 2022

- 9:30 am In-Person Worship Service at Richfield Bandshell (636 East 66th St., Richfield, MN)
- 9:30 am Online Worship Service (pre-recorded)
- 10:35 am Reconciling Team Meeting
- 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 13, 2022

- 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

- 9:00 am CFC Children’s Church
- 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

- 9:00 am CFC Soccer
- 9:00 am Men’s Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Friday, June 17, 2022

- 10:30 am CFC Soccer

Saturday, June 18, 2022

- 8:30 am Men’s Group
- 10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, June 19, 2022

- L.Y.F.E Camp Week Begins
- 9:30 am Worship Service (+Live streamed & archived)

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