



June 26, 2022 at 9:30 am  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost



## ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

\*Rise in body or spirit

+Wear a mask if you sing

Prelude

“Fantasie-Impromptu”  
Cecilia Taggart, piano  
(sister of scholarship recipient Emma Taggart)

by F. Chopin

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship\*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess.  
**Not out of obligation, but from outright joy.**  
May the riches of your glory strengthen us all.  
**May the Holy Spirit bring abundant glory to all.**  
Jesus dwells in our hearts through faith.  
Root us and ground us in love.

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.
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow—  
no turning back, no turning back.

### Centering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we come before you in cheer and humility, in longing and hope. You know the full depths of our hearts in ways that give us comfort and strength. You lead us to wonder, to connect our hearts and minds. May your love that surpasses all understanding sustain us, empower us, and ignite us. 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

*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.*

## Sacrament of Baptism

Remi Rae, child of McKenzie and Adam Gaertner

Members of the household of God, I commend Remi Rae to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**Child of God, by water and the Spirit, we welcome you into God's new creation. May you and we learn from one another, share in the love of Jesus, and grow in faith as the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## 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   Etude Op. 25 No. 12, "Ocean Etude"   by F. Chopin  
Emma Taggart, piano  
Groth Scholarship recipient

## Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## Scripture in Context

Scripture Readings   Ephesians 3:13-21 (NRSVUE)   Jerry Schilling

I pray, therefore, that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

For this reason I bow my knees before my maker, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Sermon   "How do I listen to God?"   Rev. Nate Melcher  
"So Many Questions" Worship Series 4 of 9

## 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                    “Prelude and Fugue” in d minor, BWV 875                    by J. S. Bach  
Emma Taggart, piano  
Groth Scholarship recipient

## 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\*

Everlasting God, you never ask us to wait when we cry out in despair.  
You are ever-present. You provide counsel in our bleakest moments.  
You share joy in our celebratory times. We confess that sometimes we  
are reluctant in our relationship with you. We do not desire to be the  
“would-be” followers of Jesus, like Luke describes. Help us to be  
committed totally to you in the days ahead. We rededicate ourselves to  
you and share a portion of our financial earnings with you. We pray in  
Jesus' name. Amen.

# SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn\*+

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”  
Vs 1 and 2

TFWS Hymnal 2146

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.
2. “Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:  
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

“Get Together”

by Chester Powers



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

We celebrate this morning the baptism of Remi Rae Gaertner, daughter of McKenzie and Adam Gaertner. Sponsors are Chloe Novak and Elliot Novak. Siblings are Brantley and Knox. Grandparents are Dick and Linda Novak and Mike and Karin Gaertner.

The quilt presented to Remi Rae was created by Common Threads as a reminder of our communal call to live our baptismal vows.

Welcome Groth Scholarship recipient Emma Taggart! Emma will be a junior at Mannes School of Music - The New School in New York City, NY. She is studying piano performance and is a graduate of St. Agnes High School in St. Paul.

**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, June 26**

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### **Offering of Letters**

Bread for the World advocates at the federal level for food justice in the United States. You can help by writing to your representatives. Look for members of the Church and Society team in the Commons Area before and after worship to help you participate in this Offering of Letters. Addresses of Representatives and Senators, form letters, paper and information to help write letters is available. This is one small step that can help bring about the kingdom of God here on earth. For more information, go to [www.bread.org/ol](http://www.bread.org/ol)

### **30 Days of Prayer for CFC**

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All church members are called to pray for CFC families and staff. We have a critical need for more CFC staff and are hiring for part-time and full-time positions. Spread the word and share our ad on [Facebook](#) and the [church website](#). If you know a person who would be interested, please get us connected, thanks.

### **Reconciling Ministries—Celebrating Pride Weekend!**

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Twin Cities Pride Weekend concludes today, June 26. But it's not too late to attend. The festival continues to 6:00 pm today in Loring Park, Minneapolis. Twin Cities Pride Festival is a Celebration of the LGBTQ+ Community and all LGBTQ+ people and allies are welcome! As always, Twin Cities Pride Festival is free!

### **Free Summer Movie Nights**

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

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**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

### **Next Sunday—Online-Only Worship**

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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 Sunday, July 3, 2022 (Independence Day weekend) [youtube.com/richfieldumc](https://youtube.com/richfieldumc) or 888.650.5835

## **Ongoing and Open**

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

July 11: Fresh Water for Flowers by Valerie Perrin

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.

*Women's Bible Study will not meet in the month of August, 2022.*

### **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** - September-May

**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, Agnes Danzl, Connie Gillespie, and Dave Couillard.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve.

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 26, 2022

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

### Monday, June 27, 2022

### Tuesday, June 28, 2022

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

### Wednesday, June 29, 2022

9:00 am CFC Soccer  
9:00 am Men's Bible Study

### Thursday, June 30, 2022

### Friday, July 1, 2022

10:30 am CFC Soccer

### Saturday, July 2, 2022

*Church building closing at noon.*

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

### Sunday, July 3, 2022

9:30 am Online-Only Worship Service

### Monday, July 4

Church building closed

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Greg Locke, Rev. Nate Melcher, Lyra Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Jerry Schilling

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, 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 Jun. 26 is Mary Martha Butler.

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