



# RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 10, 2022 at 9:30 am  
Broadcast Premiere of July 18, 2021 Worship Service



## ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

\* Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

“Life Is a Gift”

by John Waller

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship\*

The Spirit of Christ is full of wisdom:  
She blesses our learning and our unlearning,  
She is not overwhelmed by the work to be done.  
The Spirit of Christ overflows with compassion:  
She moves toward us when we are unwell.  
She makes a way for us to rest.  
Come, Spirit of Christ, live among us,  
Wisdom and Compassion dwell in our hearts.

Gathering Hymn\*

“Lord of the Dance”

Words by Sydney Carter

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I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance, and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;  
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]

Centering Prayer\*

Garrett Johnson

Holy One, accompany us no matter our state of mind; meet us, no matter the quality of our mood. Shore up our courage when we feel like we might surrender to life-draining patterns. Bolster our creativity when we feel stuck in old ways. In your steadfast name we pray, lifting to you 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

“The Lovingkindness Song”  
by Amanda Meisenheimer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

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

“He Never Failed Me Yet”

by CeCe Winans

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-21

NRSV

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Inside Out: “How do we talk about mental health?”

Rev. Nate Melcher

“Summer at the Movies” Worship Series 3 of 5

A Prayer in the Midst of Pride

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

*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

“Love One Another”

by Victor Zupanc

Prayer of Gratitude

**God Help us! Our healers need a break! May those of us who can, sub in for the weary. May those of us who need rest, be supported and encouraged. Radical and Rested One, bless our shared resources to the rejuvenation of our healers and to the creation of new ways that honor our sacred rest. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

A Litany for Surviving Trauma and Finding Help for Healing

We gather in stubborn love,  
seeking to hold space for those whose hurts are deep and often unseen.

**God of hope, comfort your people.**

When sorrow becomes all-consuming and despair threatens to swallow our loved ones whole,

**God of recovery, comfort your people.**

Protect those whose bodies, spirits, and trust have been broken time and time again.

**God of healing, comfort your people.**

Be with those who sleep in fear and who seek shelter in the storm.

**God of hope, comfort your people.**

Strengthen the survivors among us who wrestle with doubt and depression.

**God of recovery, comfort your people.**

Grief upon grief. Tears upon tears. Pain upon pain.

**God of healing, comfort your people.**

**May those who are scarred by struggle be transformed by hope. Amen.**

# SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn\*

“Love and Forgiving”

by Scott Soper  
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Refrain:

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord;  
slow to anger, rich in kindness,  
loving and forgiving are you.

All my being bless the Lord,  
bless the holy name of God.  
All my being bless the Lord,  
rememb’ring the goodness of God. [Refrain]

God forgives us all our sins,  
healing those who live in pain,  
saving us from final death.  
God fills us with goodness and love. [Refrain]

Good and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger, rich in love.  
God remembers not our sins;  
forgiving and loving is God. [Refrain]

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Stand By Me”

by Ben E. King

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

## School Supply Drive

Through Sunday, July 24, we will be collecting school supplies for VEAP. All school supplies are welcome, but the most needed supplies are: backpacks, scientific calculators, and bluetooth headphones. If you would like to contribute financially, make checks to Richfield UMC with "School Supplies" in the memo line or visit [richfieldumc.org/give/](http://richfieldumc.org/give/)

Also, non-perishable food donations are always welcome and especially needed in this time of high food costs. If you wish, bring a food donation with your school supplies.

## 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, July 13: Enchanted, July 20: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey, July 27: The Wizard of Oz

## 30 Days of Prayer for CFC Continues

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](#).

## Indigenous Sacred Sites Tour

Sunday, July 17, 1:00pm-5:00pm, **Registration required**

Contact Linda Schmidt at [rumc@richfieldumc.org](mailto:rumc@richfieldumc.org) or 612-861-6086

12:30pm SHARP: Carpool and Bus, \$30 per person, scholarships available

Learn and enjoy on a tour around the Twin Cities metro of sites that are of cultural and religious significance to Indigenous Peoples. Registered participants may click [pay online](#) or visit [richfieldumc.org/give/](http://richfieldumc.org/give/) to submit payment.

## Outdoor Worship is Summer Second Sundays

Richfield UMC's final outdoor worship service this summer will be on 8/14.

Come and enjoy God's great creation at Veterans Park in Richfield.

**August 14 at 9:30am, Richfield Bandshell [636 East 66th Street](#) Richfield** (free parking at Ice Arena) **An alternative online worship** experience will be available online and by phone at [youtube.com/richfieldumc](https://youtube.com/richfieldumc) or 1-888-650-5835.

## Save the Date: August 21— Blessing of the Animals

Many of us who have pets see them as members of our family, embodying love and joy. Our pets are part of God's good creation, and so we will gather to bless them on **Sunday, August 21 at 9:30 am**. Bring your pets, bring your friends, bring your friend's pets, and join in a grace-filled and love-filled worship service.

## Ongoing and Open

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

July 11: Fresh Water for Flowers by Valerie Perrin

(Note date change because of Independence Day Holiday)

August 1: The Cape Ann - Faith Sullivan

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.

## We return to mask-optional singing starting July 17

The Regathering Taskforce has affirmed that masks will no longer be required for group singing in worship beginning July 17. As always, you are welcome to mask at any time and there are extra masks available on campus. We continue to monitor the situation for any local COVID-19 surges in our area and we will be ready to pivot as necessary, thank you.

## 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, Agnes Danzl, and Connie Gillespie.

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, July 10, 2022

9:30 am Online Worship Service  
10:00 am In-Person Worship Service at  
Lake Harriet Bandshell

### Monday, July 11, 2022

1:30 pm Women Who Read

### Tuesday, July 12, 2022

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

### Wednesday, July 13, 2022

9:00 am Men's Bible Study  
5:30 pm Picnic on the Lawn  
(Bring your own dinner)  
6:00 pm Summer Movie Night: *Enchanted*  
6:30 pm MCCI Facilities Repurpose Team

### Thursday, July 14, 2022

### Friday, July 15, 2022

### Saturday, July 16, 2022

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

### Sunday, July 17, 2022

9:30 am Worship  
(+Live streamed & archived)  
10:45 am MCCI Leadership Team Meeting  
12:30 pm Indigenous Sacred Sites Tour—  
Registration Required in advance

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Joe Cruz, Steve Kimball, Greg Locke, Rev. Nate Melcher, Lyra Olson,  
Shar Salisbury, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Garrett Johnson, 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 July 10 is Gretta Thorson.

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