



July 24, 2022 at 9:30 am
7th Sunday after Pentecost

**SUMMER
AT THE
MOVIES
2022**

JULY 3
Minions

JULY 10
Encanto

JULY 17
Enchanted

JULY 24
Homeward Bound

JULY 31
Wizard of Oz

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ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

***Rise in body or spirit**

Prelude

“Zdes khorosho” Op. 21, No. 7 by Sergie Rachmaninov
Lauren Senden, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient

English Translation by Philip Ross Bullock

All is well here...

Look, in the distance

The river glows like a fire;

The meadows are like a colourful carpet,

And there is the whiteness of clouds.

There is nobody here.

All is quiet...

Here I am alone with God.

And the flowers, and the old pine,

And you, my dream...

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, with all your strength,
and with all your mind.

We will worship God, the one we love.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

We will open our hearts to all God's children.

Gathering Hymn*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
vs. 1 and 4

UM Hymnal 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Centering Prayer

God of power and might, turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. For only in loving can we lead lives worthy of your calling. Grant us the courage to live with the saints in the glory of your love. And fill us with your grace and peace, that we may know the richness of eternal life in your Spirit. 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.

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

"Marine" from [*Les illuminations*] Op. 18, No. 5

by Benjamin Britten

Lauren Senden, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient

Translation by Ahmed Ismail

Chariots of silver and copper - Prows of steel and silver -
Stir up the foam - Lift up the roots of bramble,
The currents of the land, And the immense tracks of the ebb,
Running out in a circle towards the east,
Toward the pillars of the forest,
Toward the piles of the jetty,
Whose corner is struck by whirlpools of light.

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSVUE)

Meg Spicher

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He

said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Homeward Bound: How do I make friends?”

Rev. Nate Melcher

“Summer at the Movies” Worship Series 4 of 5

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.

Celebrating the Ministry of God’s Hands Thrift Store

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

“Six Studies in English Folk Song” R. Vaughan Williams
Pat Norton, cello

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*

Great God in Heaven, you remind us to focus our ability on first loving you. Then, you urge us to reflect that love toward our neighbor. We desire to be the modern day “Good Samaritan.” Create anew in our hearts a burning desire to care for your children. Encourage us to follow the caring ways that Jesus taught. Multiply these tithes and offerings so acts of tolerance and hospitality are extended through our ministry to all of your children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” vs 1, 3, and 4

TFWS Hymnal 2171

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith In you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Allegro” [from: Water Music]

by G. F. Handel



**Thank you for worshipping 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 senior at Baldwin Wallace University, OH. She will be studying vocal performance and musical theatre. Lauren is a graduate of Mankato East High School, Mankato.

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—Final Day

Today is the final day 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/

For more info from VEAP, visit www.veap.org/bts2022

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 Concludes Wednesday, July 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. The Movie 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.

Wednesday, July 27: The Wizard of Oz

Youth Summer Field Trips

Youth are going to Chuck-E-Cheese! Today at 11:15am

The next Youth Summer Field will be to the National Eagle Center!

RSVP to Rev. Hope by Friday, August 12!

Tuesday, August 16, 9:00am-4:30pm Youth Cost: Snacks, Souvenirs

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](#). If you know a person who would be interested, please get us connected, thanks.

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 or 1-888-650-5835.

Save the Date: August 21— Blessing of the Animals

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.

Road Construction Update:

Beginning on Monday, July 25 and lasting for approximately four weeks, the crew will close the northbound lanes of Lyndale Avenue S. from 58th to 61st Streets W. Beginning on Monday, July 25 and lasting for approximately two weeks, 58th Street W. will be closed on the east side of Lyndale Avenue S.

Ongoing and Open

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

August 1: The Cape Ann - Faith Sullivan

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 - 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, Agnes Danzl, Connie Gillespie, Scott, son-in-law of Cori and Jill Williamson, and John Darling, and Sara W.'s sister, Hope.

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 24, 2022

- 9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 10:40 am Decommissioning of God's
Hands Thrift Store Space
- 11:15 am Youth Field Trip

Monday, July 25, 2022

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

- 9:00 am CFC Children's Church
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Administrative Board

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

- 9:00 am CFC Soccer
- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Picnic on the Lawn
(Bring your own dinner)
- 6:00 pm Summer Movie Night
The Wizard of Oz
- 7:00 pm Summer Youth Group

Thursday, July 28, 2022

- 4:30 pm CFC Graduation Celebration

Friday, July 29, 2022

- 11:30 am CFC Staff Development

Saturday, July 30, 2022

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

Sunday, July 31, 2022

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

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Pat Norton

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Meg Spicher

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 July 24 is Pat Norton.

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