



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 31, 2022 at 9:30 am
8th Sunday after Pentecost



MINIONS
JULY 3
Minions

ENCANTO
JULY 10
Encanto

ENCHANTED
JULY 17
Enchanted

HOMEBOUND
JULY 24
Homeward Bound

THE WIZARD OF OZ
JULY 31
Wizard of Oz

SUMMER AT THE MOVIES 2022



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ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

***Rise in body or spirit**

Prelude

“Over the Rainbow”

by Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Becca Whitaker

Holy, loving Creator of all, the heavens declare your goodness each day.

You call us to witness to your power and grace.

You give us mouths to sing praises and hands and feet to do your will.

You call us to proclaim the good news of your reign.

We yearn to be your people, the body of Christ,
living for the sake of the world.

Let us worship the God who calls us.

1. You are salt for the earth, O people;
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people;
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain:

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the Kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people;
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people;
Shine for the Kingdom of God! Refrain
3. You are a seed of the Word, O people;
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! Refrain

Centering Prayer

**Surprising, sustaining Giver of grace, you make us part of your holy body,
awakening us with glimpses of your glory. You invite us into your very
breath as the Holy Spirit breathes us into awareness of your loving
presence. In our prayers, in our songs, and in our silence, teach us how
to be your holy body, to bring good news to the world that yearns for
you. 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.*

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes

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 “Prelude and Fugue No. 15 in G Major” by J. S. Bach
Matthew Bennet, piano
Groth Scholarship recipient

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-6, 12-13, 27-31 Jerry Schilling
(NRSVUE)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

Sermon “The Wizard of Oz: What are my spiritual gifts?” Rev. Nate Melcher
“Summer at the Movies” Worship Series 5 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.

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

“Chaconne”
Matthew Bennet, piano
Groth Scholarship recipient

by Sofia Gubarduhn

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*

Holy Spirit, you have honored each of us with unique spiritual gifts. We acknowledge that these gifts are to be used for your glory alone. Help us to offer our talents so that others may be encouraged to share abundantly. We are honored and humbled by the responsibility of using these gifts as stewards of your Kingdom. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“God Made from One Blood”
vs 1, 2, and 5

TFWS Hymnal 2170

1. God made from one blood all the families of earth,
The circles of nurture that raised us from birth,
Companions who join us to walk through each stage
Of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.
2. We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
For all of the families we’ve known through the years,
The intimate networks on whom we depend
Of parent and partner and roommate and friend.
5. Then widen that wisdom and grace to include
The races and viewpoints our families exclude
Till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud
Of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

Benediction

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

Postlude

“You Are the Sunshine of My Life”

by Stevie Wonder

**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 Matthew Bennett! Matthew will be a freshman at Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA. Matthew will study piano performance and is a graduate of Mahtomedi High School, MN.

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

Beginning Next Sunday So Many Questions Worship Series

Aug. 07	What are the sacraments?
Aug. 14	Where is God when we suffer?
Aug. 21	Which version of the Bible is the best?
Aug. 28	What is atonement?
Sept. 4	What's next?

Food For Our Neighbors

Non-perishable food donations are always welcome and especially needed in this time of high food costs. Drop you food donations in the VEAP baskets in the commons area or the office.

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.

Youth Summer Field Trip

The National Eagle Center!

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

RSVP to Rev. Hope by Friday, August 12!

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

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.

Craft and Vender Fair at Richfield UMC

Saturday November 5th, 10am to 2pm

If you are interested in having table please contact Rhonda at rhonda.s.olson@gmail.com or Toni at toni@ggrreegg.com

Ongoing and Open

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

August 1: The Cape Ann - Faith Sullivan

September 12: In the Night of Memory by Linda LeGarde

(Note date change because of Labor Day Holiday)

Contact Fern Albertson, wfalbertson@gmail.com, to get connected.

Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study

Note: Women's Bible Study is not meeting in the month of August 2022

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:

- * The family and friends of John Cogan who died last year. A memorial service will be held on Mon. Aug. 15 at 2:00 pm. Visitation the hour prior to the service.
- * The family and friends of Jan Hansen who died in January. A memorial service will be held on Mon. Aug. 22 at 11:00 am. Visitation 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, July 31, 2022

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

Monday, August 01, 2022

1:30 pm Women Who Read
5:00 pm Parish Companion Meeting

Tuesday, August 02, 2022

9:00 am CFC Children's Church
7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, August 03, 2022

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

Thursday, August 04, 2022

Friday, August 05, 2022

10:30 am CFC Soccer

Saturday, August 06, 2022

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

Sunday, August 07, 2022

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

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.

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. Nate Melcher, Jerry Schilling, Becca Whitaker

Tech Crew: TY Moore, 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 July 31 is David Couillard.

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