



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



ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

Prelude

“Jazz Prelude No. 23”
Kathleen Thompson
Groth Scholarship recipient

***Rise in body or spirit**
by N. Kapustin

Welcome

Rev. Lynn Borgeson

Call to Worship* (“Gather Us In” vs. 3)

Here we will take the wine and the water;
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters;
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
Give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion,
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayer of Confession

Companion God - Great One who walks with us - we rely on you every step of the way. We trust in your slow work in the now and the not yet. In our youth, reveal your mystery. In our age, reveal your face. Your walk with humanity throughout history gives us courage. Hear our courage as we confess we stray from your path, that we revile mystery and conceal your face. Give us meek hearts for our lifetimes. Hear our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

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 "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" by G. F. Handel
Kathleen Thompson, organ
Groth Scholarship recipient

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33 NRSV

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Sermon "Practice Makes Imperfect" Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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.*

Receiving the Sacrament

*There is no barrier between you and the table.
All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.*

Music During Communion “My Lord, What a Mornin’”

Spiritual/arr. H. Burleigh

Brad Gardner, soloist

Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament*

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.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” vs. 1 and 2

UM Hymnal 340

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

**I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.**

2. **Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.** *Refrain*

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Fanfare”

by J. Lemmens



**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 Kathleen Thompson! Kathleen will be a freshman at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN She will be studying organ and piano performance. She is a graduate of Century High School, Rochester, 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

So Many Questions Worship Series

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?

Next Sunday, Aug. 14

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.

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!

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@ggreegg.com

Ongoing and Open

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

September 12: In the Night of Memory by Linda LeGarde Grover
(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, John Darling, Sara W.'s sister, Hope, Phyllis Killam, the Melcher family, and Ann Johnson.

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, August 7, 2022

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

Monday, August 8, 2022

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

9:00 am CFC Soccer
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm Church and Society Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Friday, August 12, 2022

10:30 am CFC Soccer

Saturday, August 13, 2022

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

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Women's Canoe Trip Week

9:30 am In-Person Worship Service at
Richfield Bandshell, 636 E 66th St., Richfield
9:30 am Online Worship Service (pre-
recorded)
7:00 pm Church Bus Team Meeting

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Brad Gardner

Liturgists: Rev. Lynn Borgeson, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Steve Warner, Michele Wegschied

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 August 7 is Kate Currie.

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