



August 14, 2022 at 9:30 am
Richfield Bandshell
10th Sunday after Pentecost



bold = in unison

***Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“With a Little Help From My Friends”

by Lennon and McCartney

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Gathering Hymn* “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” by Charles Wesley

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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.

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.

Celebration Music

“Sailing”

by Christopher Cross

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Unison Scripture Reading Psalm 23 (NRSVUE)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139 (NRSVUE)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.
O that you would kill the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
those who speak of you maliciously
and lift themselves up against you for evil!
Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Where is God when we suffer?” Rev. Nate Melcher
 “So Many Questions” Worship Series 6 of 9

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 “Running Up That Hill” by Kate Bush

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Gratitude / 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.

Mission Moment: Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative

Rev. Emily Goldthwaite Fries

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“What a Wonderful World”

by Bob Theile and George Weiss

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself what a wonderful world
I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself what a wonderful world
The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do
They're really saying I love you
I hear babies crying, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll never know
And I think to myself what a wonderful world
Yes I think to myself what a wonderful world

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Namaste”

by The Kennedy’s

**Thank you for worshiping 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

Next Sunday, August 21

So Many Questions Worship Series continues with “Which version of the Bible is the best?”

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.

Youth Summer Field Trip

The National Eagle Center!

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

Youth, RSVP to Rev. Hope by Friday, August 12!

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.

Online-Only Worship September 4

youtube.com/richfieldumc or 888.650.5835

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 September 4, 2022 (Labor Day weekend).

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 11, 9:30 am worship service

Another fall is approaching. It is a time for students to return to the classroom and for other fall schedules to resume. We will be having a Blessing of the Backpacks celebration on September 11 at the 9:30 am worship service. We are asking that all students come with backpacks or another kind of student bag. Every caregiver wants their child to have all the advantages possible for a good education, that includes a blessing.

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

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.

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 14, 2022

Women's Canoe Trip Week

9:30 am In-person Worship Service
Richfield Bandshell

9:30 am Online/Phone Worship Service

Monday, August 15, 2022

1:00 pm Cogan Visitation/Fellowship

2:00 pm John Cogan Memorial Service

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

9:00 am Youth Group Field Trip

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

9:00 am CFC Soccer

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Friday, August 19, 2022

Saturday, August 20, 2022

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, August 21, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service

Blessing of the Animals
(+Live streamed & archived)

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

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

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: TY Moore, Steve Warner

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 14 is Merry Rendahl.

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