

Gathering Hymn*

“A Place in the Choir”

by Bill Staines

All God's creatures got a place in the choir
some sing low and some sing higher,
some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got.

Refrain

All God's creatures got a place in the choir
some sing low and some sing higher,
some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got.

Listen to the top with the little birds singing
and the melodies and the high notes ringing,
and the hoot owl cries over everything
and the blackbird disagrees.

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day,
and the little duck quacks, and he's on his way
and the otter hasn't got much to say
and the porcupine talks to himself. *Refrain*

Dogs and the cats they take up the middle
where the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles,
the donkey brays and the pony neighs
and the old gray badger sighs.

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
moans and groans with a big to-do
and the old cow just goes moo. *Refrain*

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

Blessing of the Lap Robes and Prayer Shawls

Sharing the Peace*

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor with a mutual 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

Partita in E major for Solo Violin, BWV 1006
V. Bourée and VI. Gigue
Penelope Corbett, violin
Groth Scholarship recipient

J.S. Bach

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Psalms 119:105-108

NRSVUE

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.
I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.
Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your ordinances.

Gospel Reading

John 21:24-25

NRSVUE

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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

Sermon “Which version of the Bible is the best version?”
 Rev. Hope Hutchison and Rev. Nate Melcher
 “So Many Questions!” Worship Series 7 of 9

A Prayer for the Animals

Sharing Our Gifts

*Your gift in-person, by mail or phone, or online at richfieldumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory “Bless the Beasts and the Children” DeVorzon/Botkin Jr.
 Tiffany Holt, soloist

THANKSGIVING

Doxology*

UM Hymnal No. 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!**

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.**

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn* “God of the Sparrow God of the Whale” UM Hymnal 122
vs. 1, 3, and 6

1. God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Rondeau”

by J. Mouret



**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 Penelope Corbett! Penelope will be a sophomore at the University of Minnesota. She will be studying violin performance and is a graduate of Stillwater Area High School.

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 28

So Many Questions Worship Series continues with “What is atonement?”

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.

AED/CPR Refresher Training Session

Wednesday, September 21st, from 10:30 am - 12 Noon

The goal of this class is to prepare a lay-rescuer to be comfortable in saving their loved one or another if ever put in a position to do so. You do not need a special certification or formal training to perform CPR, but you do need education. If cardiac arrest happens to someone near you, do not be afraid -- just be prepared! Join us! **RSVP:** For planning purposes, sign up in the Commons or call the church office **by Sunday, September 18th**. Please note there is no cost for this refresher training session.

Craft and Vendor Fair at Richfield UMC

Saturday November 5th, 10am to 2pm

If you are interested in having a 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.

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, the Melcher family, and Ann Johnson.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

- * 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 21, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service
Blessing of the Animals
(+Live streamed & archived)

Monday, August 22, 2022

10:00 am Hansen Visitation
11:00 am Jan Hansen Memorial Service

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

9:00 am CFC Children's Church

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

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

Thursday, August 25, 2022

Friday, August 26, 2022

Saturday, August 27, 2022

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

Sunday, August 28, 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, Tiffany Holt

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

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 August 21 is Gretta Thorson.

Permissions and Acknowledgements:

- "A Prayer for the Animals." Rowthorn, Anne and Jeffrey Rowthorn, editors. God's Good Earth: Praise and Prayers for Creation. © 2018 Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN. 126-129.
- Scripture quotations marked NRSVUE are from the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition. Copyright © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.
- Lyrics published by special permission, public domain, reprinted under OneLicense.net #A704105, or CCS WORSHIPcast License #8155.

Richfield United Methodist Church
5835 Lyndale Ave. S., Mpls., MN 55419
612-861-6086 | richfieldumc.org

Like and Follow [Richfield UMC on Facebook](#)

Get on the email list: richfieldumc.org/email

Livestream Worship and Subscribe: youtube.com/richfieldumc

Stay informed, be involved, and get invitational.

Richfield UMC gathers on Dakota land. More at richfieldumc.org/land.