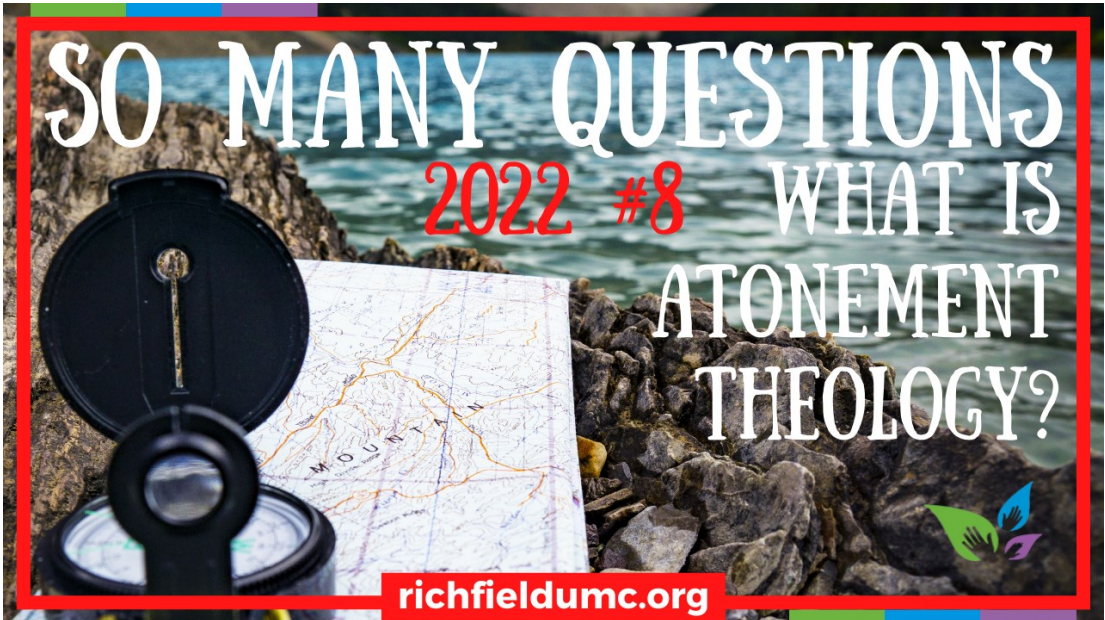




August 28, 2022 at 9:30 am
12th Sunday after Pentecost



bold = in unison

* Please stand in body or spirit.

ENTRANCE

Prelude "You Raise Me Up" by Lovland and Graham

Welcome Rev. Hope Hutchison

Call to Worship* (Hebrews 13)

With gifts of praise, **we come to worship.**

With heartfelt prayers, **we come to worship and pray.**

With open minds, eager to grow, **we come to worship and grow this day.**

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Centering Prayer (Luke 14)

Loving God, flow through our worship and our lives. Expand your love in and through each of us and through our community of faith, that we might create a house of such hospitality and love that all may feel truly welcome. You welcome us, Holy One, and we are a grateful people. 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

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

“En Fermant Les Yeux”
[trans.: by closing our eyes]
Leo Dworsky, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient
Yichen Liang, accompanist

by Jules Massenet

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-11 (NRSVUE)

Gail Johnson

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

Sermon

“What is atonement theology?”
“So Many Questions!” Worship Series 8 of 9

Rev. Nate Melcher

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 phone, or online at richfieldumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“Ave Maria”
Leo Dworsky, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient
Yichen Liang, accompanist

by F. Schubert

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Gratitude*

Generous God, we humbly offer these gifts in response to your Living Word. You remind us that extending radical hospitality has all to do with your love and nothing to do with our social status. If we loved those cast out in our society like we have been loved by you, our world would be a place of true acceptance and abounding joy. May it be so today! In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken”

traditional

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by, Lord, by and by
In a better home a-waiting
In the sky, Lord, in the sky

There are loved ones in the glory,
Whose dear forms you often miss.
When you close your earthly story,
Will you join them in your bliss?

In the joyous days of childhood,
Oft they told of wondrous love,
Pointed to the dying Savior;
Now they dwell with Him above.

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by, Lord, by and by
In a better home a-waiting
In the sky, Lord, in the sky

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“People Get Ready”

by Curtis Mayfield



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 Leo Dworsky! Leo will be a sophomore at the University of Minnesota. He will be studying vocal performance and is a graduate of St. Louis Park 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—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).

30 Days of Prayer for CFC Continues

All church members are called to pray for CFC families and staff. We 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.

Rally Sunday, September 11

Worship at 9:30 am

FAITHFUL: A One-Year Worship Series Begins

Blessing of the Backpacks:

Bring your backpacks, purses, laptop bags to worship for a blessing.

Children, Youth, & Parents:

Rally Day is the official registration day for the school year. Look for a table in the Commons Area after the worship service.

Penn Fest, Sunday, September 18

1:00 to 5:00 pm Everyone is invited to Penn Fest in Richfield. At the time of this printing, we are trying to secure a booth. Whether we have a booth or not, get out and meet your neighbors! Penn Avenue in Richfield will be closed to cars and open for fun, including food, music, games, biking and crafts on the street. It's a celebration when the street becomes a place to explore on foot and bike traffic.

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 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, the Melcher family, and Ann Johnson.

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, August 28, 2022

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

Monday, August 29, 2022

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

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

Thursday, September 1, 2022
Building Closed

Friday, September 2, 2022

Building Closed

Saturday, September 3, 2022

Building Closed

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Building Closed

9:30 am Online Only Worship Service

Monday, September 5, 2022

Building Closed

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Eric Jensen, Greg Locke, Lyra Olson, Shar Salisbury

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Gail Johnson, 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 28 is Jerry Schilling.

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