



September 18, 2022 at 9:30 am  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



bold = in unison

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## ENTRANCE

Prelude "Time After Time" by Cindy Lauper

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship\* Rev. Hope Hutchison

Come, all who are weary.

**Jesus strengthens us with love and grace.**

In this strength, we can do all things.

**We are here, ready to receive God's blessings.**

1. **O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
2. **Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.**

### Centering Prayer

**Mighty God, pour out your power and strength on us. Grant us the nourishment we need to receive your word. May your presence fill our lives and carry us forth, preparing us to be your people, and equipping us to do your work in the world. 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

“Fields of Gold”

by Gordon Sumner

#### Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-15 (CEB)

Nick Dewey

Jesus went across the Galilee Sea (that is, the Tiberias Sea). A large crowd followed him, because they had seen the miraculous signs he had done among the sick. Jesus went up a mountain and sat there with his disciples. It was nearly time for Passover, the Jewish festival.

Jesus looked up and saw the large crowd coming toward him. He asked Philip, “Where will we buy food to feed these people?” Jesus said this to test him, for he already knew what he was going to do.

Philip replied, “More than a half year’s salary worth of food wouldn’t be enough for each person to have even a little bit.”

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, “A youth here has five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that for a crowd like this?”

Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass there. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread. When he had given thanks, he distributed it to those who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, each getting as much as they wanted. When they had plenty to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather up the leftover pieces, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves that had been left over by those who had eaten.

When the people saw that he had done a miraculous sign, they said, “This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world.” Jesus understood that they were about to come and force him to be their king, so he took refuge again, alone on a mountain.

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

Sermon

“Faith in What We Do”  
“Full-Time Faith” Worship Series 2 of 5

Rev. Nate Melcher  
Nick Dewey

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](http://richfieldumc.org/give) supports the ministry, outreach,  
and operations of your church.  
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“Best to Enter My House”

by Victor Zupanc

## 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!

Prayer of Gratitude\*

Faithful One, you have entrusted us with so many gifts that are more important than worldly possessions. You have called us to be stewards of all that you have created. We strive to fulfill your call to be generous stewards by openly sharing the bounty you have placed under our care. We know that we visibly demonstrate our commitment to your work in this world by giving these tithes and offerings. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn✦

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

UM Hymnal 438

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.
2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Benediction✦

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

Postlude

“Autumn Leaves”

by Johnny Mercer



Thank you for worshipping 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

### Today, September 18

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**Sunday School Begins:** Following the Time with Children, children may worship or go to Sunday School. Meet your teachers in the Nook.

**Penn Fest:** 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Everyone is invited to Penn Fest in Richfield. Stop by the Richfield UMC booth, located between 70th and 71st Streets. Penn Avenue in Richfield will be closed to cars and open for fun, including food, music, games, biking and crafts on the street.

### AED/CPR Refresher Training Session

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

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The goal of this class is to prepare a lay-rescuer to be comfortable in saving loved ones or others if in a position to do so. No special certificate is needed to perform CPR, but you do need education. Sign-up in the Commons or call the church office **by today, Sept. 18**. There is no cost to you for this training.

### Sunday, September 25

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On Sept. 25, and a couple of days before and after, a table will be set out with books culled from the church library. Please take a book or three, and you are invited to make a donation in the box so identified. Donated funds will be used to obtain new library books. Additionally, that day you may take home a pew Bible embossed with the church's name. It's time to give these well-loved Bibles a new home—yours!

**Craft and Vendor Fair at Richfield UMC—Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 am to 2 pm**

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If you are interested in having table please contact Rhonda at [rhonda.s.olson@gmail.com](mailto:rhonda.s.olson@gmail.com) or Toni at [toni@ggrreegg.com](mailto:toni@ggrreegg.com).

### New this Fall: Pub Theology

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**First Sundays at 7:00pm-8:00pm (in-person only)**

**Wild Mind Ales, 6031 Pillsbury Ave., Mpls. (street parking)**

**Gatherings: October 2, November 6, December 4**

Join Pastor Nate for a monthly drop-in group to discuss faith, God, and life. Arrive early at 6:30pm to order a beverage and/or a bite from the food truck, then stay for discussion. More information: [richfieldumc.org/pubtheology](http://richfieldumc.org/pubtheology)

### New Class: How (Not) To Read The Bible

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**Thursdays at 7:00pm-8:00pm, Zoom (online-only)**

**Six Sessions: October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10**

Do you wrestle with the Bible in modern times? Join in a discussion of Rev. Dan Kimball's new book *How (Not) to Read the Bible: Making Sense of the Anti-women, Anti-science, Pro-violence, Pro-slavery, and Other Crazy Sounding Parts of Scripture*. Sessions will include book discussion and video segments featuring the author. RSVP in the Commons on-campus or contact class leader **Rexi Warner** at [rexiwarner@gmail.com](mailto:rexiwarner@gmail.com).

## Ongoing and Open

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

October 3: The Postmistress of Paris by Meg Waite Clayton

Contact Fern Albertson, [wfalbertson@gmail.com](mailto:wfalbertson@gmail.com), to get connected.

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

Contact Molly Reko, [mollyreko@comcast.net](mailto:mollyreko@comcast.net), to get connected.

### Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study

Contact Kent Johnson, [kentjmn@gmail.com](mailto:kentjmn@gmail.com), to get connected.

### Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group

Contact Kent Johnson, [kentjmn@gmail.com](mailto: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** - Following the Time with Children, from September-May, children may worship or go to Sunday School. Meet your teachers in the Nook. There is no Sunday School on the 1st Sunday of the month.

**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, Cori and Jill Williamson, John Darling, Sara W.'s sister, Hope, Ann Johnson, Lori Claussen, and Joan Hanson.

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, September 18, 2022

- 9:30 am Worship Service  
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Children's Sunday School

### Monday, September 19, 2022

### Tuesday, September 20, 2022

- 9:00 am CFC Children's Church
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, September 21, 2022

- 9:00 am CFC Soccer
- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 10:30 am AED/CPR Refresher Training
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Youth Group
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 22, 2022

- 9:00 am CFC Photo Day

### Friday, September 23, 2022

*Men's Canoe Trip Weekend*

- 9:00 am CFC Photo Day

### Saturday, September 24, 2022

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

### Sunday, September 25, 2022

- 9:30 am Worship Service  
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Confirmation

### 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: Nick Dewey, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Dan Bur, 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 Sept. 18 is Pat Norton.

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