



September 25, 2022 at 9:30 am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



bold = in unison

* Please rise in body or spirit.

ENTRANCE

Prelude	"Thanks Be To Thee"	by G. F. Handel
Welcome		Rev. Nate Melcher
Call to Worship*	(Psalm 9)	Rev. Hope Hutchison

Sing praises to the Lord, sing praises.
We will declare God's deeds among the people.
Shout for joy, you children of the Most High.
God remembers the needy and gives hope to the poor.
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We will declare God's deeds among the people.

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Centering Prayer

When the storms of life crash around us, O God, be our quiet corner.
When adversaries gather against us, Holy One, be our refuge and our strength. Give us the confidence of David, that we might place our trust entirely in you. We pray for your grace this day. 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

“The Plans I Have for You”
Chancel Choir

by J. Adams

Text: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
Plans to prosper you and never harm you,
Plans to give you hope and a future.
Then you will call upon Me, and come and pray to Me.
And I will listen to you,
For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:23-27 (CEB)

Calvin Koskey

When Jesus got into a boat, his disciples followed him. A huge storm arose on the lake so that waves were sloshing over the boat. But Jesus was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, “Lord, rescue us! We’re going to drown!”

He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you people of weak faith?” Then he got up and gave orders to the winds and the lake, and there was a great calm.

The people were amazed and said, “What kind of person is this? Even the winds and the lake obey him!”

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

Sermon

“Faith in When We Trust”
“Full-Time Faith” Worship Series 3 of 5
with Jerry Schilling, MCCI “Campus Revitalization Strategy”
Breakthrough Team Chair

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

"Here I Am, Lord"
Chancel Choir

arr. Anna Laura Page

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*

Patient God, our ears listen attentively, yet our understanding is lacking. Our eyes look wide open, yet human suffering is squarely in front of us. Our hands stretch outward, yet remain listless. Our voice encourages others, yet remains silent to those in despair. Every day, we are faced with opportunities to respond. Forgive us. Awaken us. Encourage us. Call us again to respond by offering your salvation and your abundant life to others every day. We humbly place these gifts before you. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Solo

“How Great Thou Art”
Paige Armstrong, soloist

arr. Dan Forrest

Celebration of Ministry with Paige Armstrong, Chancel Choir Director

Benediction✱

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

Postlude

“Tuba Tune in D Major, Op. 15”

by C. S. Lang



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

Today, September 25

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

Books Available: Look for a table in the Commons Area 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. We gift these well-used Bibles to you in honor of their original gifters: Mel and Becky Yarlott (originally gifted in memory of Laura Robinson, Becky's mother and Mel Yarlott Sr., Mel's father) and Joseph and Jean Urista (originally gifted in honor of their loved ones).

Confirmation: Class resumes today after worship. Meet in the Grace Room.

Next Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday Special Collection

On World Communion Sunday, believers around the world, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ. Your World Communion Sunday donations support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities.

Pub Theology Begins Next Sunday

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 info: richfieldumc.org/pubtheology

Fall Food Drive - Begins next Sunday—As rising costs affect more of us, food pantries, like our long-time mission partner VEAP, are struggling to keep their shelves stocked. RUMC will be collecting food and funds for VEAP. To donate items, pick up a bag with flyer attached from the church building. To donate funds, please note VEAP on your check or give through our online giving portal.

New Class: How (Not) To Read The Bible

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 rexwarner@gmail.com. Today and next Sunday, books are available in the Commons Area for \$14 or to checkout for free.

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, to get connected.

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

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 in a sensory friendly environment.

Art Cart - Children can use items from the cart while worshipping in the Nook or can fill a bag with items to take into the sanctuary during worship

Time with Children - Children of all ages are invited to experience a message just for them at the front of the sanctuary. Parent/guardians are welcome to join their children too.

Sunday School - Following the Time with Children, from September-May, children may go to Sunday School or stay in the sanctuary to worship. Children will meet Sunday school teachers in the Nook. Sunday school is held in the Fellowship Hall or outside (weather-dependent). 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, John Darling, Sara W.'s sister, Hope, Ann Johnson, Lori Claussen, Joan Hanson, SK and Susan Johnson, and Kenzie Lambert.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve: Cori and Jill Williamson.

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 25, 2022

Library Book "Sale"

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

Monday, September 26, 2022

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

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

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

- 9:00 am CFC Soccer
- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Youth Group
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Friday, September 30, 2022

Saturday, October 1, 2022

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

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Fall Food Drive Begins

- 9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 7:00 pm Pub Theology

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Nancy Dierauer

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Jerry Schilling

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, TY Moore, 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 9/25 is Mary Martha Butler.

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