



October 2, 2022 at 9:30 am
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



bold = in unison

* Please rise in body or spirit.

ENTRANCE

Prelude "Someone's Singing Lord"
African American Spiritual/arr. J. Behnke

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship* Rev. Hope Hutchison

Did you hear the good news?
The kingdom of God has drawn near.
Do you trust the good news?
We place our trust in Jesus, the one who calls us to follow him.
Do you have the courage to leave your former lives behind?
We put our faith in the Lord, our rock and our salvation.
Trust the Lord.
We will follow Jesus.

Gathering Hymn*

“A Place at the Table”
vs. 1 and 5

by S. E. Murray/ L. True

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain:

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. [Refrain]

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, the words of your Son echo in our ears: “The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” How we yearn for the faithfulness of James and John, who immediately left their boats to follow Jesus. We hope to have their devotion, even as we cannot find the nerve to leave familiar paths behind. Renew us, Holy One, and bless us with your steadfast love. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Time with Children and Blessing of the Bibles

Parents and guardians, receive this Bible
and pass it with love to these children.

**Together, may you learn its stories and study its words
and see the lives of our family in its artwork.**

Children, take these Bibles
and know that these stories are your stories, too.

**The Word of God is a lamp for your feet
and it lights your path as you grow.**

Let us pray... Holy One, we rejoice in this big step for these children in their journey with you. We pray you guide these children and their families as they use this Holy Bible in their home, Sunday School classes, and in worship. We learn together and grow in our love of you through the Word.

May we all remember, receive, and share the story with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Bless these Bibles and all who use them in finding their place in the story. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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

“Bambelela”
(Never Give Up)
Cancel Choir

Trad. South African Spiritual

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14b-20

CEB

Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, “Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!”

As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I'll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

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

Sermon

“Faith in Who We Meet”

Rev. Nate Melcher

“Full-Time Faith” Worship Series 4 of 5

with Ann Johnson, MCCI “Flames” Breakthrough Team Chair

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UM Hymnal p. 18, Setting B

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might.
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna,
in the highest, **in the highest.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, **Christ has died,**
Christ is risen, **Christ is risen,**
Christ will come again! **Christ will come again!**

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen, amen, **Amen, amen.**
amen, amen.

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.**

Special Giving: World Communion Sunday

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.*

Receiving the Sacrament

*There is no barrier between you and the table.
All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, 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 this Evening

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

Fall Food Drive - Today through Nov. 6

As rising costs affect more and 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, please 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.

Thursday, October 6

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. Books are available in the Commons Area today for \$14 or to checkout for free.

Time for LIFE: Learning, Inspiration, and Fellowship for Everyone

A Church Bus Outing to Minnesota's Largest Candy Store!

Thursday, October 13th, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Enjoy a bus outing to Jordan, where we will enjoy a visit to Minnesota's Largest Candy Store, also known as Jim's Apple Farm. You'll marvel at the collection of candy, sodas, and bakery treats for sale. There are also plenty of savory snacks to be found as well, like chips, dips, popcorn, and charcuterie supplies. Join us for this fun afternoon! Please note that they only accept cash or personal checks. RSVP: Sign up in the Commons or email Kay at kbergeland@richfieldumc.org. There is a limit of 14 passengers on the bus.

Ongoing and Open

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

October 3: *The Postmistress of Paris* by Meg Waite Clayton

November 7: *State of Terror* by Louise Penny and Hillary Rodham Clinton

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, 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, October 2, 2022

Fall Food Drive: Now through Nov. 6

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

Monday, October 3, 2022

- 1:30 pm Women Who Read
- 5:00 pm Parish Companion Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

- 9:00 am CFC Children's Church
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Church and Society Meeting
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Youth Group
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6, 2022

- 7:00 pm How (Not) to read the Bible

Friday, October 7, 2022

Saturday, October 8, 2022

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

Sunday, October 9, 2022

- 9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Children's 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: Nancy Dierauer, Pat Norton, Chancel Choir

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Ann Johnson, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Dan Bur, Rev. Bill Johnson, Dale Olson, 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 Oct. 2 is Jerry Schilling.

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