



October 9, 2022 at 9:30 am
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



bold = in unison

* Please rise in body or spirit.

ENTRANCE

Prelude "Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" Arr. by R. Tall

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship* Rev. Hope Hutchison

How gracious is the Spirit of Christ!

The table of reconciliation is always before us.

How nourishing is the grace of God!

All who hunger for redemption are welcome to feast.

How liberating is the invitation of Love!

No barriers stand between us and the way of the Sacred.

Praise God, who restores life and lifts us from the pits of destruction.

Gathering Hymn* “When God Restored Our Common Life”

vs. 1 and 2

Faith We Sing 2182

1. **When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy.
A shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.**
2. **We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;
with laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.**

Centering Prayer

Holy One, though we seek to love, still we fail one another. We get stuck in our guilt. We hide in shame. But you, O God, do not send us away. You draw us closer, more deeply into the heart of Love where we are transformed. Whatever burdens of regret we bear, may we hear and receive your eternal invitation to embrace the grace that sets us free. To make amends. To heal. To reconcile. 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 Gigue from Partita No. 2 in D minor
 Cate Carson, violin
 Growth Scholarship recipient

by J. S. Bach

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-14 (CEB)

Gail Johnson

Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing."

They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Faith in Why We Love"
"Full-Time Faith" Worship Series 5 of 5
with Gail Johnson, Lay Leader

Rev. Nate Melcher

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Offertory

Les Adieux, Op. 9
Cate Carson, violin
Joanne Rodland, accompanist

by Pablo de Sarasate

Prayer of Gratitude / 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*

“The Summons”
vs. 1 and 5

Faith We Sing 2130

- 1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**
- 5. Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Forever Young”
Living Waters Band

by Bob Dylan



Welcome Groth Scholarship recipient Cate Carson! Cate is a violin performance major at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. She is a high school graduate from Shattuck St. Mary’s and Northfield High School, MN.

**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, October 9

Fall Food Drive - Now 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 13

New Class: How (Not) To Read The Bible

It's not too late to join this class, contact class leader **Rexi Warner** at rexiwarner@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29 from 2-4pm in our parking lot! Let's help bring some Halloween joy into our neighborhood with a safe and fun event!

We need lots of volunteers to help make this event fun and safe for our neighborhood families! Will you help? There are several options to help:

- Set-up/Clean-up
- Run carnival games
- Decorate your car trunk and hand out candy

To volunteer for any of these needs, please contact Rev. Hope, hhutchison@richfieldumc.org, or go to this link to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/RumcTrunkOrTreat2022>

Ongoing and Open

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

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, children may go to Sunday School or stay in the sanctuary to worship. Children 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, Lori Claussen, Don Morrow, and Sharon Gardner's mother, Nancy.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

- * The family and friends of RUMC member Joan Hanson who died on October 2, arrangements are pending.
- * Cori and Jill Williamson.
- * Sara and John W., and Michael and Paul, in the death of Sara's sister, Hope.
- * Gretta Thorson, in the death of her brother, Tim Lawson.

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 9, 2022

Fall Food Drive: Now through Nov. 6

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

Monday, October 10, 2022

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

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

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

8:30 am CFC Soccer
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 13, 2022

1:00 pm Time for LIFE
7:00 pm How (Not) to read the Bible

Friday, October 14, 2022

6:00 pm Youth Lock-In

Saturday, October 15, 2022

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

Sunday, October 16, 2022

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

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Cate Carson, Nancy Dierauer, Greg Locke, Rev. Nate Melcher, Lyra Olson, Joanne Rodland, Victor Zupanc

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

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, 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 Oct. 9 is Kate Currie.

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