



October 16, 2022 at 9:30 am
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



bold = in unison

* Please rise in body or spirit.

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

by J. S. Bach

Land Acknowledgment (Full Statement)

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of the Dakota People.

These lands hold historical, spiritual, and personal significance to the Dakota People.

We are grateful for Indigenous Nations and their continued stewardship of these lands and we appreciate their perseverance and strength.

The Dakota People were harmed by the United States government through broken promises and unjust treaties, including the Cession 289 Treaty of 1851 which names the Wahpeton and Sisseton Bands.

These atrocities effectively stole this geographical area and further harm and trauma have come through displacement, ethnic cleansing, and genocide.

This church formed in 1854 as one of the first institutions established by white settlers in this geographical area and benefited directly from this harm inflicted upon the Dakota People.

In repentance, this church seeks active partnership with Native American communities and organizations in the State of Minnesota and beyond.

We affirm tribal sovereignty. We reject attitudes of invisibility and erasure of Indigenous Peoples. We oppose policies and actions that threaten or demean Indigenous culture and tribal sovereignty by any means.

We call upon our fellow houses of worship in the interfaith community to acknowledge the realities of the lands on which they gather and take educational and restorative justice action.

With God's help, we commit to doing better. Amen.

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship✱

Rev. Hope Hutchison

If we wander from Love's way out of fear or in pursuit of power,
God reaches after us.

If we are turned away from the places we once called home,
God companions us.

If we desire to create places of belonging that are just and restorative,
God empowers us.

If we go looking for what has been missing within us,
God meets us in the searching.

Praise be to God who leads us on paths of restoration.

Gathering Hymn✱

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
vs. 1 and 3

UM Hymnal 381

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Centering Prayer

Holy One, we know we need each other. We know that we depend on one another to build communities that are whole and healthy. When there are rifts and wounds among us or around us, may we be people who show up to the work of repair and restoration. For this sacred labor, strengthen our hearts and ground us in your love. 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

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes

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

“O Be Joyful, Sing to God”
Chancel Choir

by M. Haydn

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10 (*The Message*)

By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.” Their grumbling triggered this story.

“Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ Count on it—there’s more joy in heaven over one sinner’s rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.

“Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it you can be sure she’ll call her friends and neighbors: ‘Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!’ Count on it—that’s the kind of party God’s angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God.”

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

Sermon “God Bless the Spiritual Shepherds” Rev. Nate Melcher
 “All Together Now” Worship Series 1 of 4

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 “The Call” [from Mystical Songs] by R. V. Williams
 Tanner VanderKrabben, soloist

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death
Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love

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*

Pursuer of Love, Seeker of Justice, we bring these gifts in gratitude for your relentless commitment to a restored creation. Even when we struggle to grasp the sacred possibilities before us, you remain at work. We put our trust in you and offer these gifts to you, praying your will may be done, and your kingdom may come. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
vs. 1 and 6

UM Hymnal 138

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
6. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Prelude in G”

by J. S. Bach



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 16

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 20

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.

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/handout 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>

From Gail Johnson, Lay Leader

Did you know October is Clergy Appreciation Month?

As Lay Leader, I encourage you to take this opportunity to send cards or emails to Nate and Hope, our appointed clergy (or any of the clergy in our congregation), expressing your appreciation. Let them know what they do that fills your soul and grows your faith. By putting it in writing, they can save your words and revisit them when they need encouragement.

Pub Theology—First Sundays at 7:00pm-8:00pm—(in-person only)

Wild Mind Ales, 6031 Pillsbury Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55419 (street parking)

Gatherings: November 6, December 4

Pub Theology is a new monthly drop-in group to discuss faith, God, and life over a tasty beverage. Join Pastor Nate in this informal atmosphere. Arrive early at 6:30pm to order a tasty beverage and/or a bite from the food truck, then stay for discussion. More information: richfieldumc.org/pubtheology

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 Derek, nephew of Susan and SK Johnson.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

- * Sharon and Brad Gardner and family in the death of Sharon's mother, Nancy.
- * 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 16, 2022

Fall Food Drive: Now through Nov. 6

9:30 am Worship Service

(+Live streamed & archived)

9:45 am Children's Sunday School

Monday, October 17, 2022

10:00 am Memorials Team meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

8:30 am CFC Soccer

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

6:30 pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Youth Group

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Thursday, October 20, 2022

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

Friday, October 21, 2022

Saturday, October 22, 2022

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, October 23, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service

(+Live streamed & archived)

9:45 am Children's Sunday School

10:45 am Confirmation Class

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Tanner VanderKrabben

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

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 Oct. 16 is Mary Martha Butler.

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