



October 23, 2022 at 9:30 am
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



bold = in unison

* Please rise in body or spirit.

ENTRANCE

Prelude

"I Saw the Light"
The Living Water Band

by Todd Rundgren

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

We worship a God who is a builder.

God builds us up; God builds the Kingdom out.

We walk with brother Jesus who is a teacher.

Jesus gives us blueprints; Jesus lays out the foundation.

We construct with the Holy Spirit who is at our backs.

The Spirit keeps us going; The Spirit makes us sturdy.

1. Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
3. Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
5. Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race.
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Centering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we are your people and we are ready to listen. When our lives would threaten to sink us in sand, you call us to your firm foundation. If we are weak with the temptation of shortcuts, you invite us to the righteous path. May your vision for our blessed future be revealed, in your holy name we pray. 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

“Celebrate Love”

by Handt Hanson

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:46-49(*The Message*)

“Why are you so polite with me, always saying ‘Yes, sir,’ and ‘That’s right, sir,’ but never doing a thing I tell you? These words I speak to you are not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundation words, words to build a life on.

“If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a dumb carpenter who built a house but skipped the foundation. When the swollen river came crashing in, it collapsed like a house of cards. It was a total loss.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“God Bless the Systems/Task Organizers” Rev. Nate Melcher
“All Together Now” Worship Series 2 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

“Get Together”

by The Youngbloods

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✱

Caring God, we humble ourselves today by returning the bounty you first shared with us back to your care. Without pretension or self-righteousness, we resolve to be slow to judge and ready to provide aid. We strive to increase our commitment to being thoughtful, generous people. Help us to be unassuming in our service but bold in our witness. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn✱

“The Trees of the Field”
Sing twice

TFWS Hymnal 2279

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands.
And all the tress of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

Benediction✱

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

Postlude

“Stay With Me”

by Sam Smith



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 23

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.

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 show your appreciation to our appointed clergy (or any of the clergy in our congregation). There is a table in the Commons Area with 'Thank You' cards and pens. 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 encouragement is needed.

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

Advent Devotional Writers

Advent begins November 27. Devotional writers consider the theme "Tidings of Comfort and Joy." What brings you comfort in your life? What was some of the best news you've ever received? What was the best news you delivered to someone else? The deadline for your original submission of 250 words or less is November 6. Send your submissions to Pastor Nate at nmelcher@richfieldumc.org.

Fall Craft and Vendor Fair sponsored by United Women in Faith

Saturday November 5th, 10 am-2 pm

Get a start on your holiday shopping and help support local businesses.

If you or someone you know is interested in a table or you would like to donate items to the UWF table, please contact Rhonda Olson:

rhonda.s.olsons@gmail.com or Toni at 612-840-9797 or toni@ggreegg.com

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 23, 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 Class

Monday, October 24, 2022

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

9:00 am CFC Children's Church

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 26, 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 27, 2022

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

Friday, October 28, 2022

Saturday, October 29, 2022

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

2:00 pm Trunk or treat

Sunday, October 30, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service

(+Live streamed & archived)

9:45 am Children's Sunday School

10:45 am Church Bus Meeting

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: Rev. Hope Hutchison, 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. 23 is Merry Rendahl.

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