



October 30, 2022 at 9:30 am
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



bold = in unison

* Please rise in body or spirit.

ENTRANCE

Prelude

"Dance in the Graveyards"
The Living Water Band

by Delta Rae

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

From all walks of life, Christ desires to bring us into the fold of Love.

Seeking after us, God meets us where we are.

Through the love of God, we are awakened to truths that free us.

God liberates us from evil to live with joy and meaning.

Revealing possibilities for healing and restoration, God ushers us towards the kingdom.

We rejoice! Through Christ, all things are being made new.

Gathering Hymn★ “When Jesus Passed Through Jericho”

When Jesus passed through Jericho, the people crowded round,
To see the one who healed the sick, by whom the lost were found.
Zacchaeus, small and scorned by all, thought he should also see.
The Master when he came to town, and so he climbed a tree.

He watched beneath the swaying boughs, the man from Galilee.
And Jesus saw his lonely face and said, “Come and eat with me.”
Zacchaeus took the Lord straight home and while they shared a meal,
Told Jesus he would help the poor and never cheat or steal.

Centering Prayer

Gracious One, your love challenges us to examine our lives and our hearts. As we search within, illuminate what binds us. Point us in the direction of freedom. And companion us in creating paths of justice. 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 “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”
 Brad Gardner, soloist Spiritual/arr. Burleigh

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading Luke 19:1-10 (*The Message*) Gail Johnson

Then Jesus entered and walked through Jericho. There was a man there, his name Zacchaeus, the head tax man and quite rich. He wanted desperately to see Jesus, but the crowd was in his way—he was a short man and couldn’t see over the crowd. So he ran on ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus when he came by.

When Jesus got to the tree, he looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, hurry down. Today is my day to be a guest in your home.” Zacchaeus scrambled out of the tree, hardly believing his good luck, delighted to take Jesus home with him. Everyone who saw the incident was indignant and grumped, “What business does he have getting cozy with this crook?”

Zacchaeus just stood there, a little stunned. He stammered apologetically, “Master, I give away half my income to the poor—and if I’m caught cheating, I pay four times the damages.”

Jesus said, “Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost.”

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

Sermon “God Bless the Vision Criers” Rev. Nate Melcher
 “All Together Now” Worship Series 3 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

"Landslide"

by Fleetwood Mac

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✱

Saving One, though we sometimes forget what matters most, you find ways to draw our attention back to you, to each other, and to the creatures and creations around us. Receive these offerings of gratitude and renew our hearts for justice. Make us abundant in generosity and joyful in practices of restoration. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn✱

“Lord of the Dance”
vs. 1, 4, and 5

UM Hymnal 261

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

Benediction✱

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

Postlude

“Toccata in d minor”

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 30

Fall Food Drive - Now through Nov. 6 Food pantries, like our long-time mission partner VEAP, are struggling to keep their shelves stocked. 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.

From Gail Johnson—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.

Fall Craft and Vendor Fair sponsored by United Women in Faith

This Saturday November 5th, 10 am-2 pm

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

Please contact Rhonda Olson: rhonda.s.olsons@gmail.com or Toni at 612-840-9797 or toni@ggrreegg.com with questions.

Next Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday—We remember members who have died in the last year.

Commitment Sunday—The day to bring your Annual Giving Commitment sheet to worship. If you need a sheet ask an Usher.

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

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

The next gatherings are November 6, December 4, and January 8. Join Pastor Nate at this monthly drop-in group. Arrive early to order a drink and/or a bite from the food truck, then stay for discussion.

Deadline: Advent Devotional Submissions

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.

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

"How Birds Survive Winter" with speaker, Stan Tekiela

Thursday, November 10th, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, **sign up by Sun. Nov. 6.**

Both in-person and via online/phone, there is no charge for this event, dessert and coffee served. Sign up in the Commons, email kbergeland@richfieldumc.org, or call the church office (612-861-6086)

Election Day Communion (Online-Only) - Tuesday, November 8 at 8:00pm

youtube.com/richfieldumc or 888.650.5835

When the polls close, gather online as the Body of Christ to celebrate Holy Communion together. Let us set aside what divides us & celebrate what unites us.

There will be a charge conference at the Ad Board Zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 pm to approve clergy compensation for 2023. All worshippers and members may attend. Ad Board members may vote. Clergy compensation is included in the 2023 budget all members may vote on at a church conference on January 29, 2023. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88609752661?pwd=RnRWSXFJTkVWTKZUZmFmUXZReGxEdz09>
Meeting ID: 886 0975 2661 Passcode: 5835

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, Don Morrow, Derek, nephew of Susan and SK Johnson, and Bill Mosher, brother of Lori Claussen.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

- * The family and friends of RUMC member, Connie Wester. A memorial Service was held on Saturday, October 29 at River Hills UMC in Burnsville, MN.
- * Sharon and Brad Gardner and family in the death of Sharon’s mother, Nancy.
- * The family and friends of RUMC member Joan Hanson. A service was held Thursday, October 27 in Anoka, MN.

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 30, 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 Church Bus Meeting

Monday, October 31, 2022

Tuesday, November 01, 2022

9:00 am CFC Children's Church

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, November 02, 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, November 03, 2022

10:00 am CFC Music

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

Friday, November 04, 2022

Saturday, November 05, 2022

8:30 am Men's Group

10:00 am UWF Craft and Vendor Fair

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, November 06, 2022

All Saints Sunday, Commitment Sunday,

Homebound Communion Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service

(+Live streamed & archived)

9:00 am Walker Jewelry Sale

7:00 pm Pub Theology

Beginning of FMF Meals Week

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Brad Gardner, Greg Locke, Rev. Nate Melcher, Lyra Olson, 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. 30 is David Couillard.

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