



November 6, 2022 at 9:30 am
All Saints Sunday



bold = in unison

* Please rise in body or spirit.

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Fugue of Gratitude”
Pat Norton and Tanner VanderKrabben, cello

by Rick Sowash

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Come, let us ground ourselves in the sacred wonder of this ordinary day,
for the Holy infuses all of our lives.
Let us gather together expectantly,
for the Living God sets the table for all Her Beloveds.
Let us rejoice,
for Love is not earned but freely given.
Our birthright is Belonging,
Let us welcome one another in.

Gathering Hymn*

“Shepherd Me, O God”
Scott Clarke, cantor

TFWS Hymnal 2058

Please join in singing the refrain:

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Prayer of Confession

Creating One, you welcome us to the path of healing and invite us to the ways of radical love. We desire to mirror your compassion while at the same time honoring our own wellbeing. Grant us wisdom to hold boundaries that support our thriving, that we may be hemmed in from relationship dynamics that cause us harm. May we feel the balance of what is ours to do and what is ours to release into your Mysterious Peace. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

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

"God Gives the Song"
Chancel Choir
Pat Norton, cello

by C. Courtney

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Celebrating All Saints of the Church

Roll Call of the Saints

Muza Habeck
Jean Urista
Dale Blomsness
Peggy Hamilton
Jan Hansen
Helen Bodger

Sharon Morrow
Elaine Peterson
Edith Armstrong
Maxene Schwanke
Joan Hanson
Connie Wester

Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ: give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. *Refrain*
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Refrain*
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: *Refrain*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (*The Message*)

One time when Jesus went for a Sabbath meal with one of the top leaders of the Pharisees, all the guests had their eyes on him, watching his every move.

He told a story to the guests around the table. Noticing how each had tried to elbow into the place of honor, he said, “When someone invites you to dinner, don’t take the place of honor. Somebody more important than you might have been invited by the host. Then he’ll come and call out in front of everybody, ‘You’re in the wrong place. The place of honor belongs to this man.’ Embarrassed, you’ll have to make your way to the very last table, the only place left.

“When you’re invited to dinner, go and sit at the last place. Then when the host comes he may very well say, ‘Friend, come up to the front.’ That will give the dinner guests something to talk about! What I’m saying is, If you walk around all high and mighty, you’re going to end up flat on your face. But if you’re content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself.”

Then he turned to the host. “The next time you put on a dinner, don’t just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor. Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks. You’ll be—and experience—a

blessing. They won't be able to return the favor, but the favor will be returned—oh, how it will be returned!—at the resurrection of God's people."

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

Sermon

"God Bless the People"
"All Together Now" Worship Series 4 of 4

Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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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.

...And so,

With your people on earth and all the company of heaven

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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

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.

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.*

Music During Communion

“Requiem”

by Eliza Gilkyson/arr. Craig Hella Johnson
Chancel Choir

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

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.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“Hymn of Promise”

UM Hymnal 707

- 1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
- 2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
- 3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Benediction*

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

Postlude

Toccata on “Amazing Grace” by J. Christopher Pardini



**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, November 6

Fall Food Drive Concludes Today To donate funds, please note VEAP on your check, or give through our online giving portal.

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 Today11/6.

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 today, 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)

This Tuesday

Election Day Communion (Online-Only)

Tuesday, November 8 at 8:00pm

youtube.com/richfieldumc or 888.650.5835

When the polls close, you’re invited to gather online as the Body of Christ to celebrate Holy Communion together. May we remember we are not called to pledge allegiance to politicians or party platforms. We are called to love God with all our heart and all our soul and all our mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Let us set aside what divides us and celebrate what unites us. You are invited to gather the elements with care and delight for this special online-only worship service.

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, Derek, nephew of Susan and SK Johnson, Bill Mosher, brother of Lori Claussen, Ann, niece of David Butler, and Joanne Green.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

* Tim and Terry Bumgarner and family in the death of Tim’s mother, Viola.

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, November 06, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)

9:00 am Walker Jewelry Sale

7:00 pm Pub Theology

Beginning of FMF Meals Week

Monday, November 07, 2022

1:30 pm Women Who Read

Tuesday, November 08, 2022

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

8:00 pm Election Day Communion
Online Only

Wednesday, November 09, 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

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 10, 2022

10:00 am CFC Music

1:00 pm Time for LIFE

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

Friday, November 11, 2022

Saturday, November 12, 2022

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, November 13, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)

9:45 am 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: Scott Clarke, Nancy Dierauer, Rev. Bill Johnson, Pat Norton,
Tanner VanderKrabben

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, TY Moore, Dale Olson

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 Nov. 6 is Pat Norton.

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