



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 20, 2022 at 9:30 am
Christ the King Sunday



I serve God.

a storytelling worship series

richfieldumc.org

bold = in unison

* Please rise in body or spirit.

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Wir Danken Dir”

by J. S. Bach

Welcome

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Call to Worship* (Luke 1)

Our blessed God has gathered us here.

God looks upon us with loving eyes.

May we dwell in the tender mercy of God.

May we sing songs of praise.

1. We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.
3. We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

Centering Prayer

Tender Shepherd, you gather us here to dwell in your love and grace. You comfort and guide us. You heal and redeem us. As we sing your songs of praise, send your light into our lives. As we commit ourselves to the ways of Jesus, bless us with your presence. 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

“Let All Things Now Living”
Chancel Choir

by K. K. Davis

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:18-24 (*The Message*)

Rev. Lynn Borgeson

My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even when there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves.

And friends, once that's taken care of and we're no longer accusing or condemning ourselves, we're bold and free before God! We're able to stretch our hands out and receive what we asked for because we're doing what he said, doing what pleases him. Again, this is God's command: to believe in his personally named Son, Jesus Christ. He told us to love each other, in line with the original command. As we keep his commands, we live deeply and surely in him, and he lives in us. And this is how we experience his deep and abiding presence in us: by the Spirit he gave us.

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

Sermon

“Speaking of Love” Gail Johnson, Lay Leader
“I Serve God” Worship Series 2 of 2

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

"Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach/arr. V. Fox
Nancy Dierauer, organ

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✱

Gracious God, you provide hope for our future. We join together in unison prayer knowing that you act as a loving parent who calms our worries and fears. You consistently give us truth unclouded by the good that you work in our hearts. Multiply these tithes and offerings so our hearts and our actions reflect your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn✱

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
vs. 1 and 4

UM Hymnal 694

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Benediction✱

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

Postlude

“The God of Abraham Praise”

arr. M. Burkhardt



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 20

Sunday School - Following the Time with Children, children may go to Sunday School or stay in the sanctuary to worship. Meet your teachers in the Nook.

Advent Devotional available in the Commons Area

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. The Advent Devotionals are ready if you want to take one early. Those who contributed to the devotional with their original submissions considered the theme "Tidings of Comfort and Joy." When Advent begins, these daily devotions will appear on our Facebook page (facebook.com/RichfieldUnitedMethodistChurch) and will be available in its entirety on the church website at richfieldumc.org/devo.

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

Wild Mind Ales, 6031 Pillsbury Ave., Minneapolis (street parking) The next gatherings are Dec. 4 and Jan. 8. Join Pastor Nate at this monthly drop-in discussion group. Arrive early, order a drink and/or a bite from the food truck.

Richfield Symphonic Band Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. A free-will offering will be split between Richfield UMC and the band. This concert will also feature our own Nancy Dierauer on the organ. Visit the Richfield Symphonic Band at rsband.org.

Women Who Read (WWR) 1st Mondays of the Month

Monday, December 5, 1:30-3:00 pm, online by Zoom

To join by Zoom, email Fern wfalbertson@gmail.com.

If you are a woman who enjoys good books and thoughtful discussion, then consider joining fellow readers for Women Who Read. The book to read and discuss for **December 5** is Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger

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

Program: "Churches of Minnesota; Highlighting the Christmas Season", with speaker, Doug Ohman **Thursday, December 8th, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Both in-person and via online/phone. There is no charge for this event, Social dessert time follows the program. RSVP by Sunday, Dec. 4th, by signing up in the Commons, emailing kbergeland@richfieldumc.org, or calling the church office 612-861-6086.

Sunday, December 11

Children's Christmas Pageant: Star Trip Interested in participating? Contact Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org

UWF Bake Sale—Get your holiday baking done the easy way with the bake sale on Dec. 11. Cookies, breads and other items for sale, gluten-free items available. If you would like to donate items for the sale, drop off at the church on Sat., Dec. 10th, 10 am and 2 pm or Sunday morning before service. Contact Toni Locke at toni@ggreegg.com or 612-840-9797 with questions.

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, Joanne Green, Dottie Gilkeson, and Dolores Anderson.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

* Ann Krause and family in the death of RUMC member, Jerry Krause. A memorial service will be planned for the spring.

* 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 20, 2022

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

Monday, November 21, 2022

- 10:00 am CFC Music
- 5:00 pm Parish Companion Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

- 9:00 am CFC Children's Church
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Charge Conference
- 7:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

- 8:30 am CFC Soccer
- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study

Thursday, November 24, 2022

Building Closed—Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25, 2022

Building Closed

Saturday, November 26, 2022

- Building Closed
- 8:30 am Men's Group
- 10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, November 27, 2022

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

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. Lynn Borgeson, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Gail Johnson

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. The pastoral care team is available to extend care and provide support in times of need. The Parish Minister for the week of Nov. 20 is Kate Currie.

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