



February 5, 2023 at 9:30 am
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude "Shepherds Psalm" [from Darlana] by O. Lindberg
Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher
Call to Worship* (Micah 6) Rev. Hope Hutchison

The Lord does not require your sacrifice.
We will be a people who live justly.
The Lord does not need rivers of toil.
We will offer loving kindness to the world.
The Lord does not ask you to ignore your loved ones.
We will walk humbly with our God.

Prayer of Confession

We confess, Holy One, that in our human foolishness, we often seek to appear wise. Help us know the wisdom of your ways and the truth of your Word. We confess, Spirit Guide, that we often fail to acknowledge your presence, seeking to go our own way. Help us follow your direction, your call, and your guidance. Help us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. 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 “If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments” by Thomas Tallis
Chancel Choir

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:1-5

[Jesus said to them,] “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your

neighbor's eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

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

Sermon

Half Truth: "Love the sinner, hate the sin."

"Half Truths" Worship Series 5 of 5 Rev. Nate Melcher

Start

Stop

More

Less

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

FWS Hymnal #2257-a, b, c, d

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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Amen. Amen. Amen
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

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 “Prelude on Holy Manna”
Chancel Bell Choir

arr. C. Marker

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*

“Freely, Freely”

UM Hymnal #389

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Fanfare”

by G. Telemann



**Worship is over. Service begins.
Go forth as Richfield United Methodist Church.**

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.

RICHFIELD UMC

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday, February 5, 2023

Soup Drive: Souper Bowl of Caring Continues—Concludes Next Sun., Feb. 12
Bring soup donations to campus, or donate online at richfieldumc.org/give.

Church Conference immediately following the service in the Sanctuary

The purpose of the conference is to receive reports and approve the 2023 operations budget. Today at 10:35 am in the Sanctuary and by [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 886-0975-2661, Passcode: 5835 or call in: 312-626-6799

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

New Location for 1st Quarter 2023: Protagonist Kitchen and Bar, 6601 Lyndale Avenue S., Richfield, MN 55423 (ramp parking) **Next Gathering: Today, Feb. 5**

This monthly drop-in group to discusses faith, God, and life over a tasty beverage. Conversation led by Pastor Nate. richfieldumc.org/pubtheology

February Time for LIFE

Program: 'Zzz: Running On Empty' with renowned sleep expert, Sarah Moe
Thursday, February 9th, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Both in-person in the Heritage Room and via online/phone offerings

Sarah Moe is a recognized pioneer in the field of sleep medicine and is the Founder and CEO of Sleep Health Specialists. She will share the latest sleep research and explain why sleep is the foundation of our health and well-being as we age.

Cost: \$5.00, payable the day of the event. A social dessert time follows the program!

Please RSVP by today, Sunday, Feb. 5th, by signing up in the Commons, emailing kbergeland@richfieldumc.org, or calling the church office (612-861-6086,) please indicate if you would like to ride the church bus.

[Zoom Link:](#) Meeting ID: 813-2660-1056 Passcode: 5835 OR Call-In: 312-626-6799, then enter Meeting ID and Passcode (standard rates may apply)

Next Sunday, February 12

Youth Ministry Fundraiser—Youth will be selling snacks on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12. Get stocked up for the big game.

Soup Drive: Souper Bowl of Caring Concludes—Next Sunday, Feb. 12, is the final day of the collection of canned soup in the Commons area, and collecting online donations for VEAP, our local food shelf. Thank you for your donations.

Jersey Sunday is February 12—February 12 is the “Big Game,” and everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite team colors to worship that day. Whether it’s a football team t-shirt or a hockey jersey, your current school colors or your alma mater, we’ll have a vibrant, colorful Sunday gathering to worshipping God with a little fun.

Ongoing and Open

1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read

February 6th: Sunflower Sisters by Martha Hall Kelly

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, Jane Parry, Agnes Danzl, Connie Gillespie, Derek, nephew of Susan and SK Johnson, Bill Mosher, brother of Lori Claussen, Ann E. Butler, niece of David and Mary Martha Butler, Joanne Green, Betsy Petersen, daughter of Mary Kay Petersen, Rhonda Olson, Bonnie Stemme, Kermit Johnson, father of SK Johnson, Anna Restemayer, and Marilyn Dodge.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve.

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, February 05, 2023

Souper Bowl Soup Collection Continues
Home Communion Sunday
9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
10:35 am Church Conference
7:00 pm Pub Theology

Monday, February 06, 2023

1:30 pm Women Who Read

Tuesday, February 07, 2023

9:00 am CFC Children's Church
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 08, 2023

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, February 09, 2023

1:00 pm Time for LIFE

Friday, February 10, 2023

Saturday, February 11, 2023

8:30 am Men's Group
9:00 am Youth: Snack Sale Prep
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Souper Bowl Soup Collection Concludes
Jersey Sunday
9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Super Bowl Snack Sale (Youth
Mission Trip Fundraiser)
10:45 am Confirmation

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Ann Johnson, Tanner VanderKrabben
Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher
Tech: 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. The pastoral care team is available to extend care and provide support in times of need. The Parish Minister for the week of February 5 is Merry Rendahl.

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