



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 19, 2023 at 9:30 am  
Transfiguration Sunday



**Bold = in unison**

**\* Rise in body or spirit**

## ENTRANCE

Prelude	“The Gathering of Spirits”	by Carrie Newcomer
Welcome		Rev. Nate Melcher
Call to Worship*		Rev. Hope Hutchison

The Holy One makes a pronouncement.

**Let all listen and take heart.**

There are neighbors in need and lives to be healed.

**Let all listen and do their part.**

The Holy One has called you - listen!

**Let all listen for the heartbeat of God!**

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see;  
till they inward light impart,  
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

### Centering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, you bring good news into our lives each day. Make us quick to hear your word, and even quicker to take inspired action on it. When life would threaten to fill us with anger or apathy, renew our commitment to you. You have entrusted this world to us as your co-caretakers. May we live into this identity. 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

“Holy Ground”

FWS Hymnal 2272

**We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

## Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

James 1:19-27

You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Creator is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Hearing and Doing”

Rev. Jerad Morey

“For God So Loved the World” Worship Series 2 of 2

## The 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](http://richfieldumc.org/give) supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.  
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

## Offertory

“I Can Dee Clearly Now”

by Johnny Nash

# THANKSGIVING

## Doxology\*

UMH 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\*

Majestic Lord, transfigure our simple gifts in a way that will inspire all people to proclaim your everlasting message of love. Strip away our biased convictions so that through our selfless giving we can gaze clearly on your vision for our lives. In the name of your Son, the Beloved One, we pray. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn\*

“O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair”  
vs. 1, 2, and 3

UM Hymnal 258

1. O wondrous sight! O vision fair  
of glory that the church shall share,  
which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
where brighter than the sun he glows!
2. From age to age the tale declares  
how with the three disciples there  
where Moses and Elijah meet,  
the Lord holds converse high and sweet.
3. The law and prophets there have place,  
two chosen witnesses of grace;  
the Father's voice from out the cloud  
proclaims his only Son aloud.

Benediction\*

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

Postlude

“I’m a Believer”

by Neil Diamond



**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 19, 2023

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We welcome as our preacher this morning, Jerad Morey, who is one of the appointed clergy at Northfield UMC in Northfield, MN. Some of you may remember Jerad as he was a member of Richfield UMC before joining the clergy.

**Children's Sunday School** today, Children go to Sunday School from worship after the Time for Children

A **Lent devotional** is available in the Commons Area. This devotional, "Bless the Lent we Actually Have" is written by Kate Bowler and is also available online at [katebowler.com/blessthislent/](https://katebowler.com/blessthislent/).

### **Bring it Home, Minnesota—postcard signing campaign**

Rent vouchers help our community members with lower incomes, including seniors and working parents, to find and stay in their homes. Having a voucher means a family doesn't have to pay more than 30% of their income toward rent. Look for members of RUMC's Church & Society Team in the Commons today and next Sunday to help you with the postcards to sign.

### **Virtual Movie Screening: "Seeking Asylum"**

Tuesday, February 21, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

RSVP for access: <https://www.seekingasylumfilm.com/event-details/seeking-asylum-virtual-screening> The General Board of Church & Society encourages people of faith to attend a virtual screening of a new documentary, *Seeking Asylum*, followed by a panel discussion with the film's creators and leading asylum experts.

### **Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

**This Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00pm (in-person only)**

Begin the season of Lent with this interactive worship service steeped in music, prayer, and spiritual practices. If you cannot be present in-person, you are encouraged to participate in one of the Ash Wednesday worship services in the [Richfield UMC archives](#), on the church website ([richfieldumc.org](http://richfieldumc.org)) dated [February 17, 2021](#) or [March 2, 2022](#).

### **Lent Classes**

#### **Class: Entering the Passion of Jesus**

Sundays in Lent, Begins next Sunday, 9:00 am-9:20 am

Hybrid: Grace Room and [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 819 9039 0338 / Passcode: 5835 or call: (312) 626-6799 These classes are a breezy 20 minutes - 10-minute videos, 10-minute discussion - and will help you dive deeper into the powerful story of Holy Week. Videos start promptly at 9:00 am.

#### **Wednesday Bible Study: Enter the Passion of Jesus**

Wednesdays at 9:00 am-10:00 am, Begins this week, Feb. 22

Hybrid: Grace Room and [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 819 9039 0338 / Passcode: 5835 or call: (312) 626-6799 In Lent, the group will watch and discuss the video series *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Prof. Amy-Jill Levine.

## Ongoing and Open

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

March 6th: Neither Wolf Nor Dog by Kent Nerburn

Contact Fern Albertson, [wfalbertson@gmail.com](mailto:wfalbertson@gmail.com), to get connected.

**Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study**

Contact Molly Reko, [mollyreko@comcast.net](mailto:mollyreko@comcast.net), to get connected.

**Wednesdays, 9:00 am | For Lent—Bible Study: Entering the Passion of Jesus**

Contact Kent Johnson, [kentjmn@gmail.com](mailto:kentjmn@gmail.com), to get connected.

**Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group**

Contact Kent Johnson, [kentjmn@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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, and Marilyn Dodge.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve: Rhonda Olson and family in the death of Rhonda's father, Sebron Tyler.

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 19, 2023

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

### Monday, February 20, 2023

- 10:00 am CFC Music

### Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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

### Wednesday, February 22, 2023

- 9:00 am CFC Soccer
- 9:00 am Bible Study: Entering the  
Passion of Jesus
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship  
Service
- 7:45 pm Youth Group

### Thursday, February 23, 2023

### Friday, February 24, 2023

### Saturday, February 25, 2023

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

### Sunday, February 26, 2023

- 1st Sunday in Lent
- 9:00 am Lent Class: Entering the Passion  
of Jesus
- 9:30 am Worship Service  
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Confirmation

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Greg Locke, Pastor Nate Melcher, Lyra Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Rev. Jerad Morey

Tech: 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. The pastoral care team is available to extend care and provide support in times of need. The Parish Minister for the week of February 19 is Kate Currie.

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