



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 5, 2023 at 9:30 am  
Second Sunday in Lent



**Bold = in unison**

**\* Rise in body or spirit**

## ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Ciaconne in f minor”

by J. Pachelbel

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship\* (Genesis 12, Psalm 121, John 3)

God calls with a blessing. Our help is in God.

**God calls with a promise. Our help is in God.**

God calls through our questions. Our help is in God.

**God calls through the Spirit. Our help is in God.**

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.

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)

Prayer of Confession

Faithful One, you know our fears and our doubts. You know our hopes and our dreams. You know our blessings and our curses. Hold us closely with your love. Breathe into our lives with your mercy. For we yearn for the courage to accept your grace and love. We long to know your presence and to trust your grace. In faith and hope, hear us 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.*

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessing without number and mercies without end; for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through Him are given the final victory, then hear, O gracious Saviour accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King. And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still: to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, make a joyful duty our song of praise. Our sacrifice of praise.*

### Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### Scripture in Context

#### Gospel Readings

Mark 11:15-19

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves, and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, “Is it not written,

‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’?  
But you have made it a den of robbers.”

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him, for they were afraid of him because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

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

#### Sermon

“The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger” Rev. Nate Melcher  
“Unwavering Love” Worship Series 2 of 6

# THANKSGIVING

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UM Hymnal p. 18, Setting B

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.**

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, **Holy, holy, holy, Lord,**  
God of power and might. **God of power and might.**  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**  
Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.**  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
Hosanna, **hosanna,**  
in the highest, **in the highest.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, **Christ has died,**  
Christ is risen, **Christ is risen,**  
Christ will come again! **Christ will come again!**

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

Amen, amen, **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](https://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 “O How He Loves You and Me”  
Tiffany Holt, soloist

by Kurt Kaiser

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\*

“Trust and Obey”  
vs. 1 and 2

UM Hymnal 467

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey. (Refrain)

Benediction\*

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

Postlude

“Toccata in e minor”

by J. Pachelbel



**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, March 5, 2023

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

**Location:** Protagonist Kitchen & Bar, 6601 Lyndale Ave. S., Richfield, ramp parking

**Next Gatherings:** March 5, April 2, May 7

This monthly drop-in group to discusses faith, God, and life over a tasty beverage. Conversation led by Pastor Nate. More information: [richfieldumc.org/pubtheology](http://richfieldumc.org/pubtheology)

**Lent Classes—now through April 2**

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

Sundays in Lent, 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, 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.

**Q&A Live Online with Prof. Amy-Jill Levine**

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**Thursday, March 9, 7:30 pm-8:30 pm**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 819 9039 0338 / Passcode: 5835 or call: (312) 626-6799**

Prof. Amy-Jill Levine joins us for a Q&A session about her book, *Entering the Passion of Jesus* as we enter the season of Lent. We are excited to have one of the most prominent scholars of Jesus with us and you're encouraged to bring a question and bring a friend to this unique opportunity to engage an amazing author!

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

**Program: Wrap it Up! The Craft of Vietnamese Fresh Spring Rolls**

**Thursday, March 9th, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm** (both in-person and online offerings)

While seeing this demonstration of how to make fresh Vietnamese spring rolls by chef Terry John Zila, we will also enjoy one of these tasty, vegetarian rolls!

**Cost: \$10.00.** fee is for in-person participants only. Please pay the day of the event.

**Please RSVP** by Sun., March 5, sign up in the Commons, call the church office 612-861-6086 or email [kbergeland@richfieldumc.org](mailto:kbergeland@richfieldumc.org). **The Church Bus is Available**

**Zoom link:** Online 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, March 12**

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**Children's Sunday School**

**Confirmation Class**

**Let's Talk About Sunday Morning Hospitality**

**Next Sunday, March 12, 10:45 - In-Person**

What does RADICAL hospitality mean to you? Join the fun as we experiment and explore what radical hospitality could be at Richfield UMC, on Sunday mornings, for virtual church participants, and at other times. Treats, of course, will be shared. Everyone, especially greeters, are invited to take part! Contact [Gail Johnson](mailto:GailJohnson) (612-250-1736) if you are interested but cannot attend in person.

## 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 | Men's Bible Study**

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, Marilyn Dodge, Marta Borgeson, niece of Rev. Lynn Borgeson, and Lee Weiser and Richard.

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, March 05, 2023

- 9:00 am Class: Entering the Passion of Jesus
- 9:30 am Worship Service  
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 7:00 pm Pub Theology

### Monday, March 06, 2023

- 1:30 pm Women Who Read

### Tuesday, March 07, 2023

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

### Wednesday, March 08, 2023

- 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study:  
Entering the Passion of Jesus
- 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, March 09, 2023

- 1:00 pm Time for LIFE
- 7:30 pm Q&A Love Online with  
Prof. Amy Jill Levine

### Friday, March 10, 2023

### Saturday, March 11, 2023

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

### Sunday, March 12, 2023

- 9:00 am Class: Entering the Passion of Jesus
- 9:30 am Worship Service  
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Confirmation
- 10:45 am Let's Talk about Hospitality:  
Radical Hospitality Gathering

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Tiffany Holt, Tanner VanderKrabben

Liturgists: 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 March 5 is Gretta Thorson.

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