

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]
2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]
4. To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]
5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]

Time with Children

Rev. Hope Hutchison

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.

Prayer of Confession

Righteous One, we often ignore the desire of our hearts. We long to sing hosannas with a cheering crowd, but we turn aside at the sight of an angry mob. We yearn to dine lovingly at your table, but we retreat into the courtyard shadows. We hope to defend the one we love, but we succumb to the limits of our strength. It is so easy to betray you with a kiss. Forgive our fickle faith and heal our hesitant hearts, for our spirits ache to be found worthy. Hear us in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

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

“Ride On, King Jesus”
Chancel Choir

arr. R. DeCormier

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:32-50

London Owens

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” All of them deserted him and fled.

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

Sermon

“Gethsemane: Risking Temptation” Rev. Nate Melcher
“Unwavering Love” Worship Series 6 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 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

“The Palms”
Scott Clarke, soloist

by G. Fauré

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*

“To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord”
vs. 2 and 3

UM Hymnal 285

2. In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak;
your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier's joke.
They could not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame,
you will your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.
3. A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into your hand,
and acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.
They could not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall,
your kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.

Solo

“Meditation”
Nancy Dierauer, organ

by Mark Sedio

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

by J. Brahms



**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, April 2, 2023

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

Muffins are back for Palm Sunday - April 2

Enjoy a muffin with your coffee today after worship. \$3 each or 2 for \$5 covers costs and goes toward Children and Youth Ministry scholarships. Donate in-person or online: richfieldumc.org/give.

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

Location: Protagonist Kitchen and Bar, 6601 Lyndale Avenue S., Richfield, MN 55423 (ramp parking) **Next Gathering: Today, April 2**

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

Holy Week, and Easter Worship

April 6 — Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm

In-Person Only (Online Archives: April 1, 2021, April 14, 2022)

Experience the tranquil beauty of special music and participate in contemplative spiritual practices as we remember when Jesus, the teacher, washed the feet of his students, the disciples.

April 7 — Good Friday, 7:00 pm

In-Person Only (Online Archives: April 2, 2021, April 15, 2022)

Come to the foot of the cross and bravely face the stark brokenness of that fateful day. Hear the story laid out in scripture and music as the silence grows and the light fades.

April 9 — Easter Sunday, 9:30 am

He is risen, indeed! Come and worship with joy and hope to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in our lives! Amazing music (brass, timpani, organ, bells, and choir), a confetti-filled Time with Children, and inspiring preaching await you. This powerful worship service concludes with the perennial favorite organ piece, "The Widor Toccata."

"So Many Questions!" Worship Series Returns - Submit Your Questions

Submit your question(s) about God, faith, church, life, and the Bible for the return of our popular summer worship series, "So Many Questions!" Please email your question(s) to Pastor Nate at nmelcher@richfieldumc.org by Easter, April 9.

Q&A Live Online with Bishop Tom Berlin

Monday, April 10, 7:30 pm-8:30 pm

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

Bishop Tom Berlin joins us for a Q&A session about his book, *Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess*. This book inspires our Eastertide worship series and you're encouraged to invite a friend and bring your questions about how God works through life's mess to bring restoration to us all.

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

Program: Make the Stars Your Old Friends! with Mike Lynch (astronomy Presentation) Thursday, April 13th, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm (both in-person and online offerings)

RSVP by Sun. Apr. 9, sign-up in the Commons Area or contact Parish Nurse, Kay Bergeland at kbergeland@richfieldumc.org or call 612-861-6086.

All members and frequent worshippers should take this new survey about three potential Signature Ministries and the life of the church. Take the survey between April 1-30, 2023 and results will be shared at the semi-annual meeting after worship on June 4, 2023.



Ongoing and Open

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

April 3rd: The Awakening: The Dragon Heart Legacy, Book 1 by Nora Roberts

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 | Wednesday 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 too.

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

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 and 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, Betsy Petersen, daughter of Mary Kay Petersen, Rhonda Olson, Bonnie Stemme, Kermit Johnson, father of SK Johnson, Marta Borgeson, niece of Rev. Lynn Borgeson, Lee Weiser and Richard, Michelle Wegscheid's aunt, Judy, Sarah Sumner, daughter of Mary Martha and David Butler, Ann Johnson, Dave Mueller, brother of Tom Mueller, and Jim Vetsch.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve: Michelle (CFC Staff) in the death of her mother, Cheryl.

We pray for our neighbors and 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, April 02, 2023

9:00 am Class: Entering the Passion of Jesus
9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Sunday School
7:00 pm Pub Theology

Monday, April 03, 2023

1:30 pm Women Who Read

Tuesday, April 04, 2023

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 05, 2023

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study
6:30 pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Youth Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 06, 2023

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, April 07, 2023

7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday, April 08, 2023

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

Sunday, April 09, 2023

Easter Day

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: Scott Clarke, Nancy Dierauer, Tanner VanderKrabben

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, London Owens, Peyton Owens, Tyler Stidham

Tech: 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 April 2 is Merry Rendahl.

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