



April 9, 2023 at 9:30 am
Easter Day



ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

***Rise in body or spirit**

Prelude

“Sing a New Song to the Lord”

Cantate Domino/D. Wilson

“Danza”

Susato/arr. K. McCheney

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

arr. D. Cherwein

Dance Prelude on “Thine is the Glory”

G. F. Handel/arr. K. Grinnell

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

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He is risen, indeed!

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Centering Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Risen Christ, enter our worship and our hearts this day. As you live and move among us, remind us to proclaim and live the life you offer. Inspire us to walk as children of your resurrection each and every day. On this Easter Sunday of holy resurrection, hear us in our Breakthrough Prayer, a prayer that calls for holy resurrection in the life of this church:

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

*Children of all ages are invited to experience a message just for them.
Parent/guardians are welcome to join their children too.*

Sharing the Peace

The Children of Richfield UMC

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor with a 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 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” by M. Vulpius
Chancel Choir arr. B. Wayne Bisbee

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments/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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

NRSVUE

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to

him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon

“So Many Questions!”

Rev. Nate Melcher

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

Sharing Our Gifts

*This year’s Easter offering supports The Immigration Law & Justice Network,
The Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services, and
the ministries of Richfield UMC.*

*Make your gift in-person, by mail, or online: richfieldumc.org/give.
Thank you for your generosity as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.*

Offertory

“Angels Visit When We Sing”
Chancel Choir

by Tom Trenney

THANKSGIVING

Doxology*

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Now all the vault of heav’n resounds

In praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing, choirs of angels loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Gratitude and Easter Proclamation*

God of all Ages, you have emptied the tomb and set us free from our burdens. Hope has overshadowed fear. Comfort has replaced neglect. Faith has gained victory over doubt. The bounds of everyday living, often overwhelming our souls and weakening our spirits, are liberated by Jesus Christ. Today, we recommit to offering comfort, hope, and faith as your generous disciples to others who are driven by fear, neglect, and doubt. We offer these gifts in honor of your Easter promise. Alleluia and Amen!

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“Thine Be the Glory”

UM Hymnal 308

1. **Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

2. **Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)**
3. **No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)**

Benediction*

**He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!
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Postlude

“Toccata in F” (from: Symphony V)

by C. M. Widor

**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

Tomorrow, Monday, April 10, 7:30 pm-8:30 pm
Q&A Live Online with Bishop Tom Berlin

[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.

Next Sunday

New Worship Series Begins: "LESS MESS"

Life can get messy. After Easter we will learn from people in the Bible cleaning up their mess and work on our own lives. This series is inspired by Bishop Tom Berlin's book and video series, *Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess*.

Children's Sunday School, Children go from worship after the Time for Children
Confirmation Class at 10:45 am

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

"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.

Youth Group Service & Cinema Lock-in

On **Friday, May 5**, the youth will gather before going to Feed My Starving Children to pack meals that will be sent out to people in need throughout the world. After returning to church, the youth will gather to watch Guardians of the Galaxy, before going to watch a matinee showing of the new Guardians of the Galaxy 3 on Saturday, May 6. To register, please contact Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org

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: Sunday, 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

Vacation Bible Camp: Hero Hotline

June 26-30, 2023, at Lake Harriet UMC, 4901 Chowen Ave S, Minneapolis
Open to children pre-K-5th grade, with leadership opportunities available for children in 6th grade and above. Visit richfieldumc.org/ministries/children/ for all the details and registration information.

Free Summer Movie Nights - Wednesdays in July at 5:00 pm

Movies start at 5pm, bring your dinner and eat during the movie. We'll have snacks too! Great family fun! **07/05** - Puss in Boots: The Last Wish
07/12 - An American Tail **07/19** - The Bad Guys **07/26** - Honey, I Shrunk the Kids

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

May 2: *Where the River Ends* by Charles Martin

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.

Art Cart - Children can fill a bag with items in The Nook to bring with them to worship with their families in the pews.

Time with Children - Children of all ages are invited to experience a message just for them. Parent/guardians are welcome to join their children too.

Sunday School - Following Time with Children, from September-May, children may worship or go to Sunday School. Meet your teachers in the Nook. There is no Sunday School on "Children First" Sundays, 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 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, 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, Jim Vetsch, and Caroline Gillespie.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve.

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 9, 2022

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

Monday, April 10, 2022

7:00 pm Q & A Live Online with
Bishop Tom Berlin

Tuesday, April 11, 2022

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

Wednesday, April 12, 2022

9:00 am CFC Soccer
9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study
5:30 pm Church & Society Meeting
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Youth Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 13, 2022

1:00 pm Time for LIFE

Friday, April 14, 2022

Saturday, April 15, 2022

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

Sunday, April 16, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:40 am Confirmation

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Gavin Carney, Nancy Dierauer, Rich Frevert, Grant Jensen,
Rev. Bill Johnson, Cory Lau, Tanner VanderKrabben

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Dale Olson, Rhonda Olson, Michele Wegscheid

Please let the church office know if you or someone from the church is hospitalized or immediately pre or post hospitalization. As care team member in-person visits are on hold, the care extended by the Parish Minister team will come in a phone call or hand-written note. The Parish Minister for the week of April 9 is Jerry Schilling.

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