



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 16, 2023 at 9:30 am  
Second Sunday of Easter



Bold = in unison

\* Rise in body or spirit

## ENTRANCE

Prelude “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” by Stephen Schwartz

Welcome Rev. Hope Hutchison

Call to Worship\* (Psalm 65:1-5) Gail Johnson

Praise is due to you, O God, and we shall answer your call.

**O you who answer prayer, we come and worship you.**

When temptation would overwhelm us, you forgive us.

**You bring happiness to all who seek your goodness.**

By your awesome deeds, we are delivered.

**O God of salvation, you are our hope.**

1. Easter people, raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;  
heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Easter people, let us sing
2. Fear of death can no more stop us  
from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us  
to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
On to victory now we go.
3. Every day to us is Easter,  
with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster  
to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
See the power of heavenly throngs.

### Centering Prayer

God of steadfast love, life has twists and turns that we are not always ready to take. When that happens, we take them with you, for you are our guide and companion. Your presence, even when life is messy, brings us comfort and peace. 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      "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"      by Ira Stamphill

## Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading      Luke 18:9-17

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

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

Sermon

"This Is a Real Mess"  
"Less Mess" Worship Series 1 of 6

Rev. Hope Hutchison

## 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.

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

## 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

“Breathe”

by Marie Barnett

# THANKSGIVING

Doxology\*

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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\*

Our minds are filled with inspiration, our hearts are filled with gratitude, and we lift our offerings before you. Put them to your service, that we may fulfill your mission of love. Exalt all who humble themselves before you, that your righteous ways may lead the way. Amen.

# SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn\*

“The Day of Resurrection”  
vs. 1 and 3

UM Hymnal 303

1. The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

Benediction\*

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

Postlude

“You Raise Me Up”  
by Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham



**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 16, 2023**

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

**Confirmation Class at 10:45 am**

**New Worship Series Begins today, Sunday, April 16**  
**"LESS MESS"**

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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*.

**Next Sunday, April 23**

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**Native American Ministries Sunday—Special Collection on Sunday, April 23, 2023**  
Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. The offering taken on this day and is used to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the annual conferences, and Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. Look for a special envelope in next Sunday's bulletin or make a donation at [richfieldumc.org/give-online/](https://richfieldumc.org/give-online/)

**Youth Group Service & Cinema Lock-in**

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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](mailto:hhutchison@richfieldumc.org)

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

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**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](https://richfieldumc.org/pubtheology)

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

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A delightful musical program with our Living Waters Band Leader, Victor Zupanc. Thurs., May 11, from 1:00-2:00 pm (both in-person and online) In-person cost: \$5 RSVP by Sun. May. 7, sign-up in the Commons Area or contact Parish Nurse, Kay Bergeland at [kbergeland@richfieldumc.org](mailto:kbergeland@richfieldumc.org) or call 612-861-6086.

**Vacation Bible Camp: Hero Hotline**

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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/](https://richfieldumc.org/ministries/children/) for all the details and registration information.

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](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 | Wednesday 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 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 16, 2023**

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

### **Monday, April 17, 2023**

### **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

9:00 am CFC Children's Church  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
10:00 am Memorials Team Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 19, 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 20, 2023**

### **Friday, April 21, 2023**

### **Saturday, April 22, 2023**

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

### **Sunday, April 23, 2023**

### **Native American Ministries Sunday**

9:30 am Worship Service  
(+Live streamed & archived)  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Park Ave UMC Confirmation  
Gathering  
7:00 pm An Evening with Dr. Kate  
Bowler @ St. Andrew  
Lutheran, Eden Prairie

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation  
Musicians: Eric Jensen, Greg Locke, Shar Salisbury  
Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Gail Johnson  
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 April 16 is Kate Currie.

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