



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 7, 2023 at 9:30 am  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Bold = in unison

\* Rise in body or spirit

## ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Holy Manna”  
Chancel Bell Choir

by Karen Thompson

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship\*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

We come together and remember:  
**through all things, the love of God holds us.**  
We come together and proclaim:  
**we are holy and beloved.**  
We come together and seek:  
**make us rich in love that is tender and just, O God.**  
Let us give thanks, for God will not lead us astray.

Gathering Hymn\*

“Fill My Cup, Lord”  
Sing twice

UM Hymnal 641

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

## Prayer of Confession

Spirit of compassion, be near to our hearts. We long to build community that is rich in love and endures through conflict and the slog of the ordinary. Guide us, O God, in learning to bear with one another and in practicing patience with ourselves. Through Christ, may it be so among us. Hear 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.*

## Celebration Music

"Bwana Asifiwe"  
'Praise the Lord'  
Chancel Bell Choir

arr. Cathy Moglebust

## Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## Scripture in Context

## Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-17

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge

according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"No Messing Around"  
"Less Mess" Worship Series 4 of 6

Rev. Nate Melcher

## 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](http://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 "For the Beauty of the Earth"  
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

### 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\*

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

UM Hymnal 664

1. Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O, now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God’s children, of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Benediction\*

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

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

by Paul Manz



**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, May 7, 2023

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**Confirmation-10:45 am** in the Grace room

**Muffins Are Back!**

**May 7, May 14, and May 21**

Muffins are available on Sundays after worship on all three Sundays in May when we have in-person worship. They are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. The proceeds above covering costs goes toward funding for Children and Youth ministry scholarships (VBS, mission trips, field trips, etc.).

**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:** 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.

**Love Offering**

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Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. We will take this offering May 7-21 and at worship on Sunday, May 21, a special offering envelope will be available. Our Love Offering this year will tangibly share God's extravagant love with a hurting world by addressing the growing mental health needs in Minnesota. Learn about the recipients at [minnesotaumc.org/loveoffering](https://minnesotaumc.org/loveoffering) or in the May/June Heartline newsletter.

**Online-Only Worship Planned for May 28**

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[youtube.com/richfieldumc](https://youtube.com/richfieldumc) or 888.650.5835

As announced at the church conference on February 5, the elected leaders of Ad Board affirmed holding online-only worship with no in-person option on

**Sunday, May 28, 2023 (Memorial Day weekend)**

Historically, this Sunday had low attendance pre-pandemic and going online-only for this holiday weekend gives our servant volunteers an intentional break to keep the work they do for our worship services exciting. Please do not come to campus on Sunday, May 28, instead, experience worship online or by phone, thank you.

**Sunday, June 4**

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**Semi-Annual Meeting / Church Conference**

**10:45 am-11:15 am In-Person (Fellowship Hall) and Online**

There will be a brief church conference for the purpose of: voting on new elected leaders, receiving an operating budget report, hearing an MCCI Signature Ministry survey update, appreciating servant volunteers and, welcoming new members.

**Potluck Lunch:** Immediately following the meeting there will be a potluck lunch

**11:15 am-12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Everyone is invited to our first potluck in years! Lunch is served immediately following the church conference!

All members and frequent worshippers should take this new survey about three potential Signature Ministries and the life of the church. Take the survey through May 7 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**

June 5 - The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway

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 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, 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, May 07, 2023

9:30 am Worship Service  
(+Live streamed & archived)  
10:45 am Confirmation  
7:00 pm Pub Theology

### Monday, May 08, 2023

### Tuesday, May 09, 2023

9:00 am CFC Children's Church  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

### Wednesday, May 10, 2023

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study  
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, May 11, 2023

1:00 pm Time for LIFE

### Friday, May 12, 2023

### Saturday, May 13, 2023

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

### Sunday, May 14, 2023

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

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Ann Johnson, Tanner VanderKrabben

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, 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 May 7 is David Couillard.

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