



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 14, 2023 at 9:30 am
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Clair de Lune”

Debussy

Grace Weitzel, violin
Groth Scholarship recipient
Kerri LeJeune, accompanist

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

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.

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.

Gathering Hymn* “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” UM Hymnal 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

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.

Celebration Music “Violin Concerto, Op. 14” Samuel Barber
Grace Weitzel, violin
Groth Scholar recipient
Kerri LeJeune, accompanist

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments/ 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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:22b-26

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

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

Sermon

“Address This Mess”
“Less Mess” Worship Series 5 of 6

Rev. Nate Melcher

Special Music

“It Is Well with My Soul”
vs. 1, 3-4

UM Hymnal 377

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)
4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

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.*

A Mother's Day Prayer for All Women

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

Greg Locke, guitar

Prayer of Gratitude

THANKSGIVING

Special Music Presentation

"Here Comes the Sun" by George Harrison

"Hide Your Love Away" by Lennon and McCartney

Final Hymn*

"Sing!"

by Joe Raposo

Sing, sing a song
Sing out loud
Sing out strong
Sing of good things not bad
Sing of happy not sad

Sing, sing a song
Make it simple to last
Your whole life long
Don't worry that it's not
Good enough for anyone
Else to hear
Just sing, sing a song

La la do la da, la da la do la da, la da da la do la da

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Woman”

by John Lennon



**Worship is over. Service begins.
Go forth as Richfield United Methodist Church.**

Welcome Groth Scholarship recipient Grace Weitzel! Grace will be a freshman at the University of Indiana - Jacobs School of Music. She will be studying violin performance and is a graduate of Stillwater Area High School, MN.

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 14, 2023

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

Muffins Are Back! May 14, and May 21

Muffins are available today and next Sunday after 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.).

Love Offering

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. We are taking this offering May 7-21 and at worship next Sunday, May 21, a special offering envelope will be available. Our Love Offering this year addresses the growing mental health needs in Minnesota. Learn about the recipients at minnesotaumc.org/loveoffering or in the May/June Heartline newsletter.

Online-Only Worship

Sunday, May 28 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)

Sunday, June 4

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!

Youth Mission Trip - one-day fundraiser - Sunday morning, June 4

Real maple syrup at \$10 a bottle. All the money goes to the Youth Mission trip.

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) **Final Gathering before summer break: Sunday, June 4**

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

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

Program: Wrap it Up!! The Craft of Vietnamese Fresh Spring Rolls, with chef Terry John Zila

Thursday, June 8, 1:00-2:00 pm (both in-person and online) In-person cost: \$10

RSVP by Sun. June 4, sign-up in the Commons Area or contact Parish Nurse, Kay Bergeland at kbergeland@richfieldumc.org or call 612-861-6086.

Summer Second Sundays—Outdoor Worship Services!

June 11-Richfield Bandshell: [636 East 66th St.](https://www.google.com/maps/place/636+East+66th+St,+Richfield,+MN+55423/@44.868,-93.268,15z) Richfield, free parking at Ice Arena

July 9 - Lake Harriet Bandshell

August 13 - Richfield Bandshell

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, to get connected.

Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study

Contact Molly Reko, mollyreko@comcast.net, to get connected.

Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's 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.

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 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, Lee Weiser and Richard, Sarah Sumner, daughter of Mary Martha and David Butler, Dave Mueller, brother of Tom Mueller, Jim Vetsch, Caroline Gillespie, SuzAnn Tarvin, and Pat Robertson.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

Ann Krause and family. A graveside burial for Jerry Krause will take place at Ft.

Snelling on Monday, May 22 at 11:00 am. Enter gate 2 and assemble in area 3.

Please arrive 15 minutes early.

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 14, 2023

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

Monday, May 15, 2023

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

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

Thursday, May 18, 2023

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, May 19, 2023

Saturday, May 20, 2023

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

Sunday, May 21, 2023

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

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Kerri LeJeune, Greg Locke, Rev. Nate Melcher, Grace Weitzel,
Victor Zupanc

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 14 is Mary Martha Butler.

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