



May 21, 2023 at 9:30 am
Seventh Sunday of Easter



Bold = in unison

* Rise in body or spirit

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Praise to the Lord”

by J. S. Bach

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.

Gathering Hymn* “Sing of the Lord’s Goodness” by Ernest Sands

1. Sing of the Lord’s goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name. Mercy he has shown us,
his love is for ever, faithful to the end of days.
Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord’s goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord’s glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.
4. Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days.
Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord’s goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord’s glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

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.

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

“O Taste and See”
Chancel Choir

by R. Vaughan Williams

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your

neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Message Is a Mess”
“Less Mess” Worship Series 6 of 6

Rev. Nate Melcher

Hymns of Hope and Faith
presented by The Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Psalm 150

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
 praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
 praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound;
 praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
 praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
 praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Poetry Reading

“Divine”

by Danny Speicher

“Cantique de Jean Racine”

by Gabriel Fauré

Verbe, égal au Très-Haut,
 notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence.
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.
Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante
Que tout l’enfer fuie au son
 de ta voix.
Dissipe le sommeil d’une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l’oubli de tes lois.
O Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé.
Reçois les chants qu’il offre
 à ta gloire immortelle
Et de tes dons qu’il retourne comblé.

Word, equal to the Almighty,
 our sole hope,
Eternal day of the earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night.
Divine savior, cast your eyes upon us.
Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace
So that all hell flees at the sound
 of your voice.
Dispel the sleep of a languishing soul
Who lives forgetful of your laws.
O Christ, look kindly on your faithful people
Assembled now to glorify you.
Receive the songs that we offer
 to your immortal glory
And let us depart, crowned with your gifts

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.*

Offertory

“Kennst du das Land” by Mark Adamo
(Do you know the land) from “Little Women”
Tanner VanderKrabben, soloist

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 / 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.

THANKSGIVING

Hymns of Hope and Faith
presented by The Chancel Choir

Poetry Reading

“We Carry Our Hurts”

by Elizabeth Vecchione

“Wanting Memories”
(from “Crossings”)

by Ysaye M. Barnwell

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Amazing Grace”

by Pardini



**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 21, 2023

Love Offering

Each year, United Methodist churches in the Minnesota take a Love Offering for missions. We will take this offering May 7-21 and today, please find a special offering envelope in your bulletin. Our Love Offering this year addresses the growing mental health needs in Minnesota. For 2023, the offering will fund :

60% - Minnesota UMC churches with partnerships with mental health services offered in local schools or communities.

30% - Three MN nonprofits: Mental Health Connect, Mental Health Minnesota, and Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health.

10% - Volunteers in Mission, to support first-time mission trip participants.

Learn more about all of these recipients at minnesotaumc.org/loveoffering

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

Next Sunday—Online-Only Worship

Next Sunday, May 28 youtube.com/richfieldumc or 888.650.5835

As announced in February, the Administrative 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 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 Scholarships - one-day fundraiser - Sunday morning, June 4

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

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/@44.861111,-93.261111,15z) 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, Pat Robertson, and Jan and Steve Kirchner.

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.

Roxie Hillger and family. There will be a memorial service on Monday, June 5 at 11:00 am. for Bill Hillger. Visitation time begins at 10:00 am. Fellowship time with lunch will follow the service.

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 21, 2023

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

Monday, May 22, 2023

11:00 am Jerry Krause burial at
Ft. Snelling

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Friday, May 26, 2023

Saturday, May 27, 2023

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

Sunday, May 28, 2023

9:30 am Online-Only Worship Service
*Please do not come to campus
this Sunday; instead, experience
worship online or by phone.
Thank you, and have a blessed
Memorial Day.*

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Tanner VanderKrabben

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

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 May 21 is Jerry Schilling.

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