



**May 28, 2023 at 9:30 am
Pentecost Sunday**



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Dance in the Graveyards”

by Delta Rae

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

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.*

The LORD's Prayer

Bea Melcher

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

“The Church's One Foundation”
vs. 1 and 5

UM Hymnal 545

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-12

Gertie Melcher

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“How Is It That We Hear?”
“Hearts on Fire” Worship Series 1 of 3

Rev. Nate Melcher

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Sharing Our Gifts

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Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

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.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Song “Blessed Are You” M. Hayes

Benediction

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

Postlude “I’m a Believer” by Neil Diamond



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

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, Jan and Steve Kirchner, and Wayne Albertson.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

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.

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 28 is Kate Currie.

RICHFIELD UMC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next 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 semi-annual meeting

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

Everyone is invited to our first potluck in years!

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

Location: Protagonist Kitchen and Bar, 6601 Lyndale Ave. S., Richfield (ramp parking) **Final Gathering before summer break: Sun., 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 (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.

Coffee with the Pastor

9:00 am-12:00 pm most Tuesdays this summer

Sign up: calendly.com/natemelcher

Pastor Nate is meeting with church members like you all summer long to check-in, reconnect, and pray. Sign up with the calendar link (if you cannot go online, please call the office) for a meeting at Caribou Coffee (6545 Lyndale Avenue S., Richfield, MN 55423). Your drink is on Pastor Nate!

Outdoor Summer Worship Series: “I am: God, Simon, and Garfunkel”

In-Person Only, various times and locations

In three outdoor in-person worship services, Pastor Nate preaches sermons inspired by a scripture passage and a Simon & Garfunkel song performed by the Living Waters Band led by Victor Zupanc. Services are in-person only. The first Summer Second Sundays outdoor service is

June 11 - Richfield Bandshell at 9:30 am

[636 East 66th Street](#) Richfield (free parking at Ice Arena)

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.

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.

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 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.

Monday, May 29, 2023

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

9:00 am CFC Children's Church

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, June 01, 2023

Friday, June 02, 2023

Saturday, June 03, 2023

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, June 04, 2023

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

10:45 am Semi-Annual Meeting

11:15 am Potluck Lunch

7:00 pm Pub Theology

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

No Wednesday Bible Study this day

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Greg Locke, Lyra Olson, Tanner VanderKrabben,
Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Gertie, Bea, and Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Rev. Bill Johnson, Rev. Nate Melcher, TY Moore, Dale Olson,
Steve Warner, Michele Wegscheid

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