



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 4, 2023 at 9:30 am  
Trinity Sunday



Bold = in unison

\* Rise in body or spirit

## ENTRANCE

Prelude                    “Concerto in d minor BWV 1059R Mvt. 3, Presto”    by J. S. Bach  
                                 Kalina Lee, oboe  
                                 Groth Scholarship recipient  
                                 Kerri LeJeune, accompanist

                                 “Estrellita”            by Manuel Ponce, arr. Heifetz  
                                 Evan Schuman, violin  
                                 Groth Scholarship recipient  
                                 Kerri LeJeune, accompanist

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship\*

Paul Watne

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
**Your glory shines from below and grows from above.**  
You bring wisdom from the youngest and most vulnerable of us.  
**You call forth delight in those who live both long and deep.**  
We look to your creation and find you everywhere.  
**We see you in the moon and the stars.**  
O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have given us the world. Yet too often, we have taken it for granted, and failed to respect your great gift. We have received authority but thought it power. We have received responsibility but decided it belonged to someone else. We have received your calling but considered it control. Remind us, O God, that we are part of creation, not separate from it; that we are part of your people, not separate from them. Forgive us when we take your gifts and your people for granted, and help us to start again. Hear us in our silent confessions to you...

### Silent Prayer

### Words of Assurance

Children’s Choir “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

by T. Ken

### 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.*

## Welcoming New Members of the Church

To the Congregation: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

To the Congregation: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## 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

“Polonaise”

by H. Wieniawski

Evan Schuman, violin  
Groth Scholarship Recipient  
Kerri LeJeune, accompanist

## Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Caleb White

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Is religion ending?”  
“So Many Questions!” Worship Series 1 of 9

Rev. Nate Melcher

## THANKSGIVING

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.**

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

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

“Concerto in d minor, BWV 1059R, Mvt. 2, Adagio”

J. S. Bach

Kalina Lee, oboe

Groth Scholarship Recipient

Kerri LeJeune, accompanist

## Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

Breakthrough Prayer

Michael Watne

**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

Benediction\*

...And until we meet again, let us live...

**in faith, justice, and joy! Amen.**

Postlude

“Allegro” [from: “Water Music”]

by G. F. Handel



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

Welcome Groth Scholarship recipient Kalina Lee! Kalina will be a freshman at Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio studying oboe performance. Kalina is a graduate of United Christian Academy, Bloomington, MN.

Welcome Groth Scholarship recipient Evan Schuman!  
Evan will be a sophomore at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. He will be studying violin performance and is a graduate of Mayo High School, Rochester, 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, June 4, 2023**

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## **Semi-Annual Meeting / Church Conference**

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

by **Zoom** Meeting ID: 886 0975 2661/Passcode: 5835 or call: 312-626-6799

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.

**One-Day Fundraiser for Youth Scholarships - 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](https://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](mailto:kbergeland@richfieldumc.org) or call 612-861-6086.

**Next Sunday, June 11**

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

**In-Person Only**, various times and locations (alternate online service available)

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

**Coffee with the Pastor—9:00 am-12:00 pm, most Tuesdays this summer**

**Sign up:** [calendly.com/natemelcher](https://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!

## Ongoing and Open

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### **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** - September-May

**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:

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, 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

### Monday, June 05, 2023

10:00 am Visitation Time  
11:00 am Bill Hillger Memorial Service  
1:30 pm Women Who Read  
5:30 pm Parish Companion Meeting

### Tuesday, June 06, 2023

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, June 07, 2023

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study

### Thursday, June 08, 2023

1:00 pm Time for LIFE

### Friday, June 09, 2023

### Saturday, June 10, 2023

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

### Sunday, June 11, 2023

9:30 am Worship Service  
Richfield Bandshell  
[636 East 66th Street](#) Richfield  
(free parking at Ice Arena)  
9:30 am Online Worship Service—  
Reprise of Aug. 2, 2020

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Lalina Lee, Kerri LeJeune, Evan Schuman

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Michael Watne,  
Paul Watne, Caleb White

Greeters: Daniella Callahan, Denver Callahan

Special Ushers: Brennan Currie, Cameron Currie, Brenna Nelson-Phelan,  
Kjell Nelson-Phelan

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 June 4 is Merry Rendahl.

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