



June 11, 2023 at 9:30 am  
Richfield Bandshell  
Second Sunday after Pentecost



**Bold = in unison**

**\* Rise in body or spirit**

## **ENTRANCE**

Prelude

“Both Sides Now”

by Joni Mitchell

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Gathering Hymn\*

“Lord of the Dance”

by Sydney Carter

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

The LORD's Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

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.

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

Reflection Music                      “The Sound of Silence”                      by Simon and Garfunkel

Scripture in Context

Scripture Readings                      Micah 6:6-8

Micah 6:6-8 (NRSVUE)

“With what shall I come before the LORD  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8 (*The Message*)

But he’s already made it plain how to live, what to do,  
what GOD is looking for in men and women.  
It’s quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,  
be compassionate and loyal in your love,  
And don’t take yourself too seriously—  
take God seriously.

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

Sermon                      “It’s on the Syllabus”                      Rev. Nate Melcher  
“I AM a Rock: God, Simon, and Garfunkel” Worship Series 1 of 3

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

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.*

Offertory Music                      “I Am a Rock”                      by Simon and Garfunkel

# THANKSGIVING

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.*

Celebrating Our Graduates

Luca Olson  
Devin Teal

God of love and God of grace, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless these young people on the milestone of graduation. May you bring them peace.

**You are a surrounding God! We thank you for those who taught them, who raised them, who worked beside them, and who supported them along the way.**

As they journey into goodness and celebration, we give thanks for the gift of your creative energy at work in their lives. May you bring them joy.

**You are an empowering God! May they feel your loving presence with them up on the highest of mountaintops.**

As they journey through confusion and anxiety, we give thanks for the gift of your guiding energy at work in their lives. May you bring them hope.

**You are a sustaining God! May they feel your loving presence with them down in the lowest of valleys.**

As they go from this time and this space, in your promise may they know that you go with them. May the love of Christ live loudly in their hearts every step of the way.

**You are a renewing God! May these graduates be filled by your Holy Spirit to do good in all ways, in all places, and to all people. Amen.**

# SENDING FORTH

Sending Song\*

“Steal Away to Jesus”

arr. Wm. Farley Smith

Refrain:

Steal away, steal away; steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal away home.  
I ain't got long to stay here.

1. My Lord he calls me,  
he calls me by the thunder;  
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)
2. Green trees a-bending,  
poor sinners stand a-trembling;  
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)
3. My Lord he calls me,  
he calls me by the lightning;  
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)

Benediction\*

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

Postlude

“Get Together”

by The Youngbloods



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

Congratulations graduates!

Luca Olson: Southwest High School

Luca will be attending Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana.

Devin Teal: Washburn High School

Devin will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**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 11, 2023

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**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. We return to Summer Second Sundays outdoors:

**June 11 - Richfield Bandshell at 9:30 am**

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

**July 9 - Lake Harriet Bandshell at 10:00 am**

Please note the special start time for the Lake Harriet Bandshell.

[4135 W Lake Harriet Pkwy, Minneapolis](#) (parking: paid lots or free on street)

**August 13 - Richfield Bandshell at 9:30 am**

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

**This Saturday, June 17**

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Spring Cleaning - Saturday, June 17, 10:00 am-3:00pm Drop-in, contribute as much time as you can. Help your church clean, organize, and de-clutter. From organizing storage to touch-up cleaning to clearing out items past their prime, there's something for everyone to make our amazing church campus shine bright and be ready for new ministries. Show up any time, many hands make for light work, and lunch is on us!

**Next Sunday, June 18 Summer Worship Series: “So Many Questions!” Continues**

**Hybrid: In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online—Prelude begins *before* 9:30 am, arrive early!**

This popular series returns and is based on your submitted questions about God, faith, church, life, and the Bible. We are blessed to be a church where questions are welcome. This year's “So Many Questions” topics are:

June 18-Will the Bible ever change?

July 30-What does the Bible say about heaven?

June 25-What makes a Methodist?

August 6-What does the Bible say about hell?

July 16-What is prayer for?

August 20-Why is forgiveness hard?

July 23-How do I put faith into action?

August 27-Why are Christians hypocrites?

**Vacation Bible Camp: Hero Hotline**

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

**Summer Movie Nights**

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**Wednesdays in July, Movies start at 5pm**, bring your dinner and eat during the movie. We'll have snacks too! Great family fun!

**July 5**

**Puss in Boots: The Last Wish**

2022 PG 1 hour, 42 minutes

Universal Pictures

**July 12**

**An American Tail**

1986 G 1 hour, 20 minutes

Universal Pictures

**July 19**

**The Bad Guys**

2022 PG 1 hour, 40 minutes

Universal Pictures

**July 26**

**Honey, I Shrunk the Kids**

1989 PG 1 hour, 33 minutes

Disney

## Ongoing and Open

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### **1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read**

July 10 (note: 2nd Monday due to holiday) - The Lost Apothecary by Sara Kenner

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.

## **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.

We pray 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, Lee Weiser and Richard, Sarah Sumner, daughter of Mary Martha and David Butler, Jim Vetsch, Caroline Gillespie, SuzAnn Tarvin, and Pat Robertson.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

Tom Mueller and family in the death of Tom's brother, Dave.

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 11, 2023**

- 9:30 am Worship Service at Richfield Bandshell
- 9:30 am Online Worship Service—  
Reprise of Aug. 2, 2020

### **Monday, June 12, 2023**

### **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

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

### **Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

- 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Church and Society meeting

### **Thursday, June 15, 2023**

### **Friday, June 16, 2023**

### **Saturday, June 17, 2023**

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

### **Sunday, June 18, 2023**

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

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Joel Arpin, Matthew McIntyre, Rev. Nate Melcher, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

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 11 is Pat Norton.

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