



June 11, 2023 at 9:30 am
August 2, 2020 Reprise
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name" by E. Hopkins/arr. R. Tall

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

O God, you promise a world where those who now weep shall laugh;
those who are hungry shall they feast;
Those who are poor now, and the excluded,
shall have your kingdom for their own.
We want this world, too.
We renounce despair.
We will act for change.
We choose to be included in your great feast of life.

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's Love, once you've experienced it;
You spread his love to everyone; You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, When all the trees are budding'
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, This happiness that I've found;
You can depend on him, It matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Gracious God, we acknowledge and confess in your presence the smallness of our love, the narrowness of our concern, the denial of our true humanity. Through our careless hands have slipped opportunities not taken, people not cared for, days not celebrated. We are ashamed and sorry for the ways of our unfaithfulness, and ask for reassurance and forgiveness. Please hear our hearts now in our silent prayer...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Time with Children

Sharing the Peace

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor with a 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 of Music

"I'll Fly Away"
Kat Devlin, soloist

by A. Brumley

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

NRSV

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."
But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him

and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Sermon

Spider-Man: Into the Spideverse
"What is my responsibility?"
"Summer at the Movies!" Worship Series

Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

SENDING FORTH

Sending Music

"Love Like There's No Tomorrow"
Kat Devlin, soloist

by The War and Treaty

Postlude

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

by D. German



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

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Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Kat Devlin, Nancy Dierauer

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: 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 June 11 is Pat Norton.

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 as Luca Olson and Devin Teal graduate high school.

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.

RICHFIELD UMC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Continuing Summer Worship Series: "So Many Questions!"

Hybrid: In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online

Prelude begins *before* 9:30 am, please 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 4 - Is religion ending?

June 18 - Will the Bible ever change?

June 25 - What makes a Methodist?

July 16 - What is prayer for?

July 23 - How do I put faith into action?

July 30 - What does the Bible say about heaven?

August 6 - What does the Bible say about hell?

August 20 - Why is forgiveness hard?

August 27 - Why are Christians hypocrites?

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)

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 in paid lots or free on the street)

August 13 - 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.

Summer Movie Nights—Wednesdays in July, starting at 5pm

(July 5, 12, 19, 26) 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

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, 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

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