



June 25, 2023 at 9:30 am  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Bold = in unison

\* Rise in body or spirit

## ENTRANCE

Prelude	"What the World Needs Now"	by Burt Bacharach
Welcome		Rev. Hope Hutchison
Call to Worship*		

Praise to you, O God, to you we give praise.  
**You make covenant with us on earth and in heaven.**  
You are the wonderful and Holy God.  
**We gather in your glory and service.**  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
**You are mine, and I am yours. So be it.**

1. I am weak, but thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

*Refrain:*

Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*
3. When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Refrain*

### Centering Prayer

We are no longer our own, but we are yours, Holy One. Put us to what you will, place us with whom you will. Put us to doing and guide us through suffering. When we are full and when we are empty, when we have all things and when we have nothing, we surrender all to you. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

### 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.*

### 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.*

## 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

“Intermezzo Op. 119”  
Matthew Bennett, piano  
Groth Scholarship recipient

by J. Brahms

## Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## Scripture in Context

### Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:7-14

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

### Sermon

“What makes a Methodist?” Rev. Hope Hutchison  
“So Many Questions!” Worship Series 3 of 9

## The Prayers of the People

LORD in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## 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.

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

"My One and Only Love"  
Matthew Bennett, piano  
Groth Scholarship recipient

by Oscar Peterson

# THANKSGIVING

## 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\*

Loving God, we thank you. We thank you for your creation. We thank you for the gift of your son. We thank you for your presence in our lives. We recognize that you are greater than any of our attempts to describe you. We have come to a time in the service to say "thank you" with our economic resources — our money. May everything we do in this worship service express gratitude — the songs that we sing, the prayers that we offer, the words that we read, the conversations that we have, and even these gifts that we now make to spread the good news of your son, Jesus Christ. May even these gifts be a gesture of "losing our lives" for your sake. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

# SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn\*

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

TFWS Hymnal 2129

1. I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus -  
no turning back, no turning back.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me -  
no turning back, no turning back.
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow—  
no turning back, no turning back.

Benediction\*

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

Postlude

“With a Little Help from My friends”

by Lennon and McCartney



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

Welcome Groth Scholarship recipient Matthew Bennett! Matthew will be a sophomore at Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA. He will study piano performance and is a graduate of Mahtomedi High School 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 25, 2023

## **Summer Worship Series: “So Many Questions!” Continues Hybrid: In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online**

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 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?

July 30-What does the Bible say about heaven?

## **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. Walk-in registration available tomorrow if you haven’t sign-up yet. All are welcome.

## **Next Sunday, July 2—Online-Only Worship**

[youtube.com/richfieldumc](https://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, July 2, 2023 (Independence Day weekend)

## **Summer Movie Nights**

**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 19: The Bad Guys**

2022 PG 1 hour, 40 minutes

Universal Pictures

**July 12: An American Tail**

1986 G 1 hour, 20 minutes

Universal Pictures

**July 26: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids**

1989 PG 1 hour, 33 minutes

Disney

## **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!

## **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. The remaining two Summer Second Sundays outdoors:

**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)

## 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.

## **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** - 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:**

- \* David and Dorteia Doty's 50th wedding anniversary on June 23rd.

**We pray with gratitude.**

**We pray for those who are ill:** Paula Milani, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Laurel Lien, Caroline Riley, Agnes Danzl, Ann E. Butler, niece of David and Mary Martha Butler, Lee Weiser and Richard, Jim Vetsch, SuzAnn Tarvin, Terry and Tim Bumgarner, and Don Morrow.

**We pray for those who seek comfort.**

**We pray for those who grieve:**

- \* The family and friends of Connie Gillespie who died June 11, especially daughters, Caroline and Susan.

**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 25, 2023**

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

### **Monday, June 26, 2023**

*Vacation Bible School today through  
Friday, June 30 at Lake Harriet UMC*

### **Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

### **Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study

### **Thursday, June 29, 2023**

### **Friday, June 30, 2023**

### **Saturday, July 01, 2023**

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

### **Sunday, July 02, 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  
Independence Day.*

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Matthew Bennett, Greg Locke, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison

Tech: TY Moore, Michele Wegscheid, Becca Whitaker

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 25 is David Couillard.

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