



July 2, 2023 at 9:30 am
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Adagio for Strings”

by S. Barber

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

“O How He Loves You and Me”

TFWS Hymnal 2108

O how he loves you and me!
O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life.
What more could he give?
O how he loves you;
O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go;
his love for sinners to show.
What he did there
brought hope from despair.
O how He loves you;
O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!

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 2:12-21

Gertie Melcher

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What Does This Mean?”
“Hearts on Fire” Worship Series 2 of 3

Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

Sharing Our Gifts

*Your gift in-person, by mail or phone, or online at richfieldumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.
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 “Time After Time” by Cindy Lauper

Benediction

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

Postlude *Bwana Asifiwe* / “Praise the Lord” arr. C. Moklebust
Chancel Bell Choir



**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.

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, and Don Morrow.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve.

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 July 2 is Jerry Schilling.

RICHFIELD UMC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, July 9, 2023

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

In-Person Only, an alternate online service will be 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 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)

Summer Movie Nights—Begin this Wednesday

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

Summer Worship Series: “So Many Questions!” Continues Sunday, July 16

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:

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?

August 6-What does the Bible say about hell?

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!

Youth Mission Trip

Please keep your church's youth and clergy in your prayers July 15-22 as we journey to Detroit and back. We will be working with Motown Mission, helping with economic disaster relief in that area, primarily greening, feeding, and rebuilding. There will be lots of stories and conflux moments shared from that trip in worship on July 23! If you would like to read more about Motown Mission, you can read more here: <https://motownmission.org/overview>

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

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, July 2, 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.

Monday, July 03, 2023

Tuesday, July 04, 2023

Independence Day
Campus Closed

Wednesday, July 05, 2023

5:00 pm Summer Movie Night
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish

Thursday, July 06, 2023

Friday, July 07, 2023

Saturday, July 08, 2023

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

Sunday, July 09, 2023

9:30 am Online Worship Service
July 11, 2021 Reprise
10:00 am Worship Service at Lake Harriet Bandshell
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)

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Ann Johnson, Greg Locke, 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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