



July 9, 2023
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (Psalm 24)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

The earth is God's and everything in it.

We belong to our God.

Lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving.

We lift our voices in glory and honor to God.

Centering Prayer

God of grace and glory, renew us with your presence this day. As we gather to bless your name and sing your praise, bless us with your glorious love and your guiding light. Strengthen us each and every hour, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the wisdom of your holy word. In hope and joy, 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 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.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

James 2:14-26

NRSV

What good is it, my siblings, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab of Jericho also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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

Sermon

Raiders of the Lost Ark: "How do I make the right choice?" Rev. Nate Melcher
"Summer at the Movies" Worship Series

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.

Offertory

"The Lone Wild Bird" The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2052

1. The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with you, nor leaves your sight.
And I am yours! I rest in you, Great Spirit, come, and rest in me, too.
2. The ends of earth are in your hand, the sea's dark deep and far-off land.
And I am yours! I rest in you, Great Spirit, come, and rest in me, too.
5. O Search me, God, my heart reveal, renew my life, my spirit heal;
for I am yours, I rest in you, Great spirit, come, rest in me, too.

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Gratitude

Blessed One, you offer a redemptive inheritance sometimes beyond our imagination. You graciously bestow each of us with your wisdom, grace, forgiveness, and love. Joyously, we share these tithes and offerings. As you call us to give, you remind us to place our hopes and dreams in your love and grace. Thank you, God, for giving us your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray in His name. Amen.

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

"The King of Glory Comes" The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2091

Refrain:

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. [Refrain]
2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people curing their illness. [Refrain]
3. Sing then of David's son, our Savior and brother;
in all of Galilee was never another. [Refrain]

Benediction

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

Postlude

"Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream"

by Pete Seeger



Thank you for worshiping as Richfield United Methodist Church.
We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.

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, Terry and Tim Bumgarner, 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.

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 09, 2023

9:30 am Online Worship Service
Reprise of July 11, 2021

10:00 am Worship Service at
Lake Harriet Bandshell

Monday, July 10, 2023

1:30 pm Women Who Read

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

9:30 am Women’s Bible Study
7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study
5:00 pm Summer Movie Night: *An American Tail*
5:30 pm Church and Society meeting

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Friday, July 14, 2023

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Youth Mission Trip Begins: Motown Mission in Detroit, MI

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

Sunday, July 16, 2023

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

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 9 is Mary Martha Butler.

Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Dale Olson

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RICHFIELD UMC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Movie Nights—Continues 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 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

Summer Worship Series: “So Many Questions!” Continues next 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?

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!

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>

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 final Summer Second Sundays outdoors is:

August 13 - Richfield Bandshell at 9:30 am

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