



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 16, 2023 at 9:30 am
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Bold = in unison

* Rise in body or spirit

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“What a Wonderful World”
Brad Gardner, soloist

by Weiss and Thiele

Welcome

Rev. Lynn Borgeson

Call to Worship* (inspired by Psalm 13)

How long, O Lord? We do not want to be forgotten.

How long must we bear pain and have sorrowful hearts?

Give light to our eyes, consider and answer us!

We are shaken, we cry out, “How long?”

We trust in your steadfast love! Our hearts rejoice!

You have dealt well with us! Hear our song!

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Centering Prayer (inspired by Psalm 139:7-14)

From where can we go from your Spirit? We cannot flee from you. If we ascend to heaven, you are there; if we make our bed in shadow, you are there. You formed our inward parts, knit us together in our mothers' wombs. We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, O God. 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

“Fields of Gold”

by Sting

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? *Selah*

But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*

Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, “O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!”

You have put gladness in my heart

more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace,

for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What is prayer for?”
“So Many Questions!” Worship Series 4 of 9

Rev. Nate Melcher

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
supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“Why Shouldn’t We” by Mary Chapin Carpenter

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*

Almighty God, your boundless miracles in nature are such a small display of your awesome deeds. You visibly enrich our lives with the bounty of the earth's beauty. How can we ever adequately honor the gift of an amethyst sunset or the fragility of a butterfly's dance? Abundantly increase these gifts so that we may be more faithful stewards of your entire creation. To you be all honor and glory. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

"Something Beautiful"
Sing twice

UM Hymnal 394

Something beautiful, something good;
all my confusion he understood;
all I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,
but he made something beautiful of my life.

Benediction*

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

Postlude

"Imagine"

by John Lennon



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

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, July 16, 2023

Youth are on a mission trip.

Please keep your church's youth and clergy in your prayers now through July 22 as they journey to Detroit and back. They 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 at: <https://motownmission.org/overview>

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 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!”

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!

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 Summer Second Sundays outdoors is:

August 13 - Richfield Bandshell at 9:30 am

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

Ongoing and Open

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

August 14 (note 2nd Monday) - The Paris Showroom by Juliet Blackwell

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.

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: For the birth of Lori Mosher Claussen's grandchild, Rylee. The parents are Nikki Scheiller and Ryan Claussen.

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, Don Morrow, Barb and Dave Rogers, and Sara, niece of Bev Crandall.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve: Sarah Callahan and her youngest children, Daniella and Denver, on the passing of her ex-husband and their father.

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 16, 2023

Youth Mission Trip Week:

Motown Mission in Detroit, MI

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

Monday, July 17, 2023

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study
5:00 pm Summer Movie Night
The Bad Guys

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Friday, July 21, 2023

Saturday, July 22, 2023

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

Sunday, July 23, 2023

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
10:45 am Administrative Board Meeting

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Brad Gardner, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Lynn Borgeson, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Rev. Bill Johnson, Dale Olson, Michele Wegscheid

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 16 is Merry Rendahl.

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