



August 13, 2023  
Rebroadcast of  
July 19, 2020 at 9:30 am  
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richfield united methodist church  
**SUMMER AT THE MOVIES**

 STEVE CARELL <b>DESPICABLE ME</b> "Hilarious!"	 BILLY CRUSH <b>Groundhog Day</b>	 ANITA BLOOMER <b>PRINCESS AND THE FROG</b>	 MELISSA LEE <b>soul surfer</b>	 SPIDER-MAN <b>INTO THE SPIDERVERSE</b>
<b>July 5</b> Despicable Me richfieldumc.org	<b>July 12</b> Groundhog Day	<b>July 19</b> The Princess and the Frog	<b>July 26</b> Soul Surfer	<b>August 2</b> Spider-Man: Into the Spiderverse

## ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Most Holy God, we run to be in your presence greeted by your love.

**We rejoice in the joy of you.**

Affirm in us your purposes.

**Reveal to us your plans.**

Assure us of your promise that lasts forever.

**May we fill our days with thee.**

Gathering Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

UMH No. 378

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

## Centering Prayer

**O God, we need your empowering grace to help us recognize that all are welcome in your presence. Take away our tendency to withdraw from those who do not fit our image of worthiness, for none of us is more worthy than another and all are in need of your rescuing love. In the name of Jesus we call upon you. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer to you...**

## 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.*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32

NRSV

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

### Sermon

The Prince and the Frog: "What brings us together?" Rev. Hope Hutchison  
"Summer at the Movies!" Worship Series

# THANKSGIVING

## 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.

## 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

“Sicilienne Op. 78”  
Pat Norton, cello

by G. Faure

## Prayer of Gratitude

God of Salvation, we seek to be children of your heavenly kingdom. Yet, our self-deceiving ways cause us to believe that we will be more generous givers once we have satisfied our own personal, material desires. Change our thinking. Help us to be faithful disciples who recognize that everything we have in life is a gift from you. Inspire us to share our resources as a response to your unconditional love. Amen.

## Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

# SENDING FORTH

## Sending Hymn

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

UMH No. 348

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.  
Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!

## Benediction

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

## Postlude

“Fanfare”

by J. Lemmons



**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, 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: The SK and Susan Johnson family in the death of SK’s father, Kermit Johnson.

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

**Today, Sunday, August 13, 2023**

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## **Fall Food Drive Begins**

**August 13–September 24**

As we start to think about fall, Richfield UMC will be preparing for another Fall Food Drive. As rising costs affect more and more of us, food pantries, like our long-time mission partner VEAP, are struggling to keep their shelves stocked with high quality food. This fall, we're going to do our best to support VEAP, and get them the supplies they need. Starting at our August bandshell worship on August 13, and running through Confirmation Sunday on September 24, RUMC will be collecting food and funds for VEAP. To donate items, please pick up a bag & flyer from the church building. To donate funds, please note VEAP on your check, or give through our online giving portal. Thank you for your generosity.

**Next Sunday, August 20**

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## **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:

August 20 - Why is forgiveness hard?

August 27 - Why are Christians hypocrites?

## **RUMC Camping Trips**

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### **RUMC Women's Trip to KoWaKan**

Camp just outside of Ely in the beautiful Northwoods. Carpool up on Sunday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> and return Friday morning of Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in coming, please contact Fern Albertson at [wfalbertson@gmail.com](mailto:wfalbertson@gmail.com) or 612-214-4527.

### **Fall Men's Camping Trip**

A September weekend at Camp Kowakan, just east of Ely. You can canoe, hike, read, fish, take photos & enjoy fellowship. Sept. 15-17, Cost about \$25 /day plus transport.

Contact Kent Johnson or sign up at church. [kentjmn@gmail.com](mailto:kentjmn@gmail.com).

## **Sunday, September 3—Online-Only Worship**

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As announced in February, the Administrative Board affirmed holding online-only worship with no in-person option on Sunday, September 3, 2023 (Labor Day weekend)

## **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 Starbucks (54th and Lyndale Avenue South). Your drink is on Pastor Nate!

## **September 10, Rally Sunday**

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Whether you have spent the summer working hard, or at the lake hardly working, on Rally Day the church - all of us of every age - are called to gather with renewed energy to live in faith, justice, and joy. Let's make exciting new memories and celebrate our history together as we reunite.

**Blessing of the backpacks, purses, laptop bags, and more!**

Whatever kind of bag you use on a regular basis, bring it to worship on **Sept. 10** for a blessing.

## Ongoing and Open

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

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

Sept. 11 (note 2nd Monday due to holiday) - Where the River Ends by Charles Martin

Contact Fern Albertson, [wfalbertson@gmail.com](mailto:wfalbertson@gmail.com), to get connected.

### Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study

*This group is taking a break for the month of August. Sessions resume in September.*

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.

## 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, August 13, 2023

*Fall Food Drive Begins*

9:30 am Worship Service at Richfield  
Bandshell

9:30 am Online Worship Service—  
Reprise of July 19, 2020

### Monday, August 14, 2023

1:30 pm Women Who Read

5:00 pm Care Minister Meeting

### Tuesday, August 15, 2023

7:00 pm Finance Committee

### Wednesday, August 16, 2023

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study

### Thursday, August 17, 2023

### Friday, August 18, 2023

### Saturday, August 19, 2023

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

### Sunday, August 20, 2023

*Women's Trip to KoWakan 8/20-8/25*

9:30 am Worship Service

(+Live streamed & archived)

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Pat Norton

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Rev. Nate Melcher, 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 August 13 is David Couillard.

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