



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 15, 2023 at 9:30 am
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Jesus Loves Me”

arr. Bock

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

The LORD’s Prayer

Rev. Hope Hutchison

**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 Medley*

“Holy, Holy, Holy” vs. 1, 3

UM Hymnal No. 64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

“In the Garden” vs. 1-2

UM Hymnal No. 314

1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice,
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)

“How Great Thou Art vs. 1, 3

UM Hymnal No. 77

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)

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 “Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. P. Christiansen

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:16-21

Nick Dewey

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Great Proclamation”
“A Great Way” Worship Series 3 of 5

Rev. Nate Melcher

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

Prayers of the People

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

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

“Sarabande” from Cello Suite No. 4

by J.S. Bach

THANKSGIVING

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.

A Celebration of Wisdom in Our Midst

Dolores Anderson
Roger Boyce
Norma Christenson
Dorothy DeFreese
Jack Exline
Ann Krause
Jane Parry
SuzAnn Tarvin
Joyce Walls

Jane Barton
David Butler
Agnes Danzl
Herb Doty
Inez Gustafson
Wesley Mellgren
Mary Kay Petersen
Marie Taylor

June Berglund
Mary Martha Butler
Winona Davis
Lois Etken
Orlean Kovach
Phyllis Olson
Allan Reko
Harold Teachout

Congregational Response

Siblings in Faith, we honor you.

For the years you have spent learning and loving,

we give God thanks.

For the lives you have touched and the witness you have shared,

we give God thanks.

For your model of grace, strength, and forgiveness,

we give God thanks.

For all that you teach us in the ways that you share,

we give God thanks.

We honor you this day, and recommit to savoring the good gift of life.

May each of us grow in holy wisdom.

We celebrate in the name of Jesus who loves all people. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*Our honorees are welcome to proceed to the Heritage Room
at any time during the remainder of the service.*

Sending Hymn Medley*

“I Love to Tell the Story” vs. 1, 3

UM Hymnal 156

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” vs. 1-2 UM Hymnal 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

“Amazing Grace” vs. 1-2 UM Hymnal 378

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

“It Is Well with My Soul” vs. 1, 4 UM Hymnal 377

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Toccata”

by David H. Hegarty

**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, Sunday October 15

This Sunday we will honor our treasured members and friends who are 90 years of age or older as of June 30, 2024. We celebrate the wisdom and grace they shine forth in our congregation. There will be a lovely reception in the Heritage Room after worship. Come greet fellow church members, friends, and honorees while enjoying cake and lemonade/coffee.

Continues This Tuesday, Oct. 17

Workshop: Writing and Leading Prayers for Worship

7:00 pm-8:00 pm, Oct. 10 and 17 (online-only by Zoom), Oct. 24 (in-person only)

[Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 819 9039 0338 | Passcode: 5835

Be part of our roster of worship liturgists. Learn about kinds of prayers, craft the Prayers of the People, and practice public speaking. Sign up by contacting Pastor Nate or use the Annual Conference registration portal: <https://mnumc-reg.brtapp.com/WritingandLeadingPrayersforWorship>

Next Sunday, October 22

Service Project—Do a hands-on service project to help our neighbors in need.

Come pack welcome kits for our new neighbors who are transitioning out of homelessness. The old Metro Inn site is becoming affordable housing and we want to welcome these new neighbors. We have purchased so many supplies to do this, but we need help packing them into kits. Each kit will feature a laundry basket filled with supplies that will help residents start their new lives. Come help us fill these baskets on October 22 following worship.

Begins Next Sunday

Help Welcome Refugees Donation Drive Oct. 22-Nov. 26

Richfield UMC is collecting items for the Bathroom Pack portion of refugee welcome kits. **The items we are collecting are:** - shower curtain & plastic liner - shower hooks - toilet paper - laundry detergent - laundry basket - bath towel - hand towel - washcloths. Drop off your items on Sunday morning, or during our regular office hours (Tuesday-Thursday, 8am-4pm). Monetary donations are also welcome. To donate money, please note "Refugee Services" on your check, or give through our online giving portal. Thank you for your generosity.

Online Book Study: *Do I Stay Christian* by Brian McLaren

Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm, October 26 - November 16. All are welcome.

Zoom link provided after registration. Led by Rexi Warner and Gail Johnson.

Registration Link: <https://mnumc-reg.brtapp.com/DoIStayChristian>

Or visit www.minnesotaumc.org and look under the events calendar.

Film Theology—First Wednesdays at 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Hybrid: Grace Room and [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 819 9039 0338/Passcode: 5835 or call: (312) 626-6799 Go watch the latest hit movies in the theater, then come together to discuss them over a bowl of popcorn! Pastor Nate will guide our discussion. **The next date and movie for discussion is November 1—*Killers of the Flower Moon*** (release date Oct. 20)

Pie & Cider Social—Sunday, October 29—Commitment Sunday

We'll celebrate Commitment Sunday in worship and continue the fun with pie and cider after the service. Bring a pie to share and join others for a slice of fall-inspired fellowship!

Ongoing and Open

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

November 6: The Maid by Nita Brose

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 - Following the Time with Children, children may go to Sunday School or stay in the sanctuary to worship. Children meet Sunday school teachers in the Nook. Sunday school is held in the Fellowship Hall or outside (weather-dependent). There is no Sunday School on the 1st Sunday of the month.

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.

We pray with gratitude.

We pray for those who are ill: Paula Milani, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Laurel Lien, Caroline Riley, Agnes Danzl, Lee Weiser and Richard, Jim Vetsch, Don Morrow, Sara, niece of Bev Crandall, Becca Whitaker, Clarice Lien, and Serra Vickery, daughter of Bill and Ann Johnson.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

The family and friends of Joanne Green who died recently. A memorial service will be held at the church on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 10:00 am.

Visitation will be the hour prior to the service.

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, October 15, 2023

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:35 am Wisdom Sunday Reception

Monday, October 16, 2023

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

No Women's Bible Study this day

9:00am Green Visitation
10:00am Joanne Green Memorial Service
7:00pm Workshop: Writing and Leading Prayers for Worship

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Friday, October 20, 2023

Saturday, October 21, 2023

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

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Refugee Services Drive Begins

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Welcome Kit Assembly

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Sonja Gustafson, Tanner VanderKrabben, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Nick Dewey, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Rev. Bill Johnson, TY Moore, 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 October 15 is Pat Norton.

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