



November 5, 2023 at 9:30 am
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

"Faith to Be Strong"
Victor Zupanc, soloist

by Andrew Peterson

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

God is swift to grant security.
In any mystery, there is always God.
God creates family in our found homes.
In any dwelling, there is always God.
God turns this way and that way with us.
In any journey, there is always God.

Gathering Hymn* “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” UM Hymnal 581
vs. 1 and 2

1. Lord whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

Prayer of Confession

God of the Ages, you are wherever we go, wherever we call home. We confess we recognize your kindness and mercy, and we are compelled to share this with our neighbor. We confess we recognize our bitterness and harshness. How we cling to you in such times. Forgive us our failings, inspire our repentance, stay with us on this journey. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

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

“Even When God Is Silent”
Chancel Choir

by Michael Horvit

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Celebrating All Saints of the Church

Roll Call of the Saints

Jerry Krause
Pat Steffer
Bill Hillger
Roger Dammer
Bonnie Stemme
Connie Gillespie
Joanne Green

Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ: give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

“For All the Saints”
vs. 1, 2, 5, and 6

UM Hymnal 711

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. *Refrain*
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Refrain*
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: *Refrain*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1a, 3-10, 13b-20, 22

Insert

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

Sermon

“Where You Go, I Will Go”
“Leap of Faith” Worship Series 1 of 4

Rev. Nate Melcher

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion Setting

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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.*

Receiving the Sacrament

*There is no barrier between you and the table.
All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.*

Music During Communion

"Allerseelen"

by Richard Strauss

Allerseelen

*Stell auf den Tisch die duftenden Reseden,
Die letzten roten Asten trag herbei,
Und laß uns wieder von der Liebe reden,
Wie einst im Mai.*

*Gib mir die Hand, daß ich sie heimlich drücke,
Und wenn man's sieht, mir ist es einerlei,
Gib mir nur einen deiner süßen Blicke,
Wie einst im Mai.*

*Es blüht und duftet heut auf jedem Grabe,
Ein Tag im Jahr ist ja den Toten frei,
Komm an mein Herz, daß ich dich wieder habe,
Wie einst im Mai.*

All Souls' Day

Set on the table the fragrant mignonettes,
Bring in the last red asters,
And let us talk of love again
As once in May.

Give me your hand to press in secret,
And if people see, I do not care,
Give me but one of your sweet glances
As once in May.

Each grave today has flowers and is fragrant,
One day each year is devoted to the dead;
Come to my heart and so be mine again,
As once in May

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

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 Hymn* “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” UM Hymnal 430
vs. 1—3

1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

Benediction*

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

Postlude “Heroes” by Ann Reed
Victor Zupanc, soloist

**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 November 5

Walker Jewelry Sale

Stop by the Fireside Room today to shop for unique jewelry pieces. Proceeds go to the Walker Methodist Communities Auxiliary. The purpose of the Walker Methodist Communities Auxiliary is to aid in serving the physical, social, emotional, spiritual, and other benevolent needs of the residents of the Walker Methodist Communities.

Pub Theology, First Sundays at 7:00 pm-8:00pm (in-person only)

Protagonist Kitchen and Bar, 6601 Lyndale Ave. S., (ramp parking)

Next Gatherings: November 5, December 3 Be part of this informal atmosphere to talk about faith questions big and small. Conversation led by Pastor Nate.

Time for LIFE: Learning, Inspiration, and Fellowship for Everyone

Program: The Craft of Vietnamese Fresh Spring Rolls, with chef Terry John Zila
Thursday, November 9th, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm (both in-person and online offerings)

Cost: \$10.00. This fee is for in-person participants only. Pay the day of the event.

Please RSVP by Sun., November 5th.

Join us for a delightful hour as we take a closer look at fresh spring rolls. Not only will we see an entertaining demonstration of how to make a fresh Vietnamese spring roll, we will enjoy one of these tasty, vegetarian rolls!

Help Welcome Refugees Donation Drive Now through 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 through November 16 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. All are welcome. Zoom link provided after registration. Led by Rexi Warner and Gail Johnson.

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

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

Next Sunday, November 12

Advent Devotional Submissions Due November 12

Advent begins December 3, and the devotional theme is "Light of the World." How has God brightened the shadow around you? What has been an epiphany that shed new light and gave fresh perspective? Who is the light of God in your life? The deadline for your original submission of 250 words or less is November 12. Send your submissions to Pastor Nate at nmelcher@richfieldumc.org.

Final Week—Stock Refugee Family Kitchens with Cub Foods Saver Stamps

When you shop at Cub Foods through November 12, ask your cashier for your Saver Stamps. Bring them to campus and we will put them all together and earn free cookware to donate to the Minnesota Council of Churches refugee families.

Coffee with the Pastor—9:00 am-12:00 pm, most Tuesdays this fall

Sign up: calendly.com/natemelcher Pastor Nate is meeting with church members like you to check-in, connect, and pray. Sign up with the calendar link or call the office. Meet at Starbucks (54th and Lyndale). Your drink is on Pastor Nate!

There will be a charge conference at the Administrative Board meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 pm to approve clergy compensation for 2024. All worshipers and members may attend. Ad Board members may vote.

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, Serra Vickery, daughter of Bill and Ann Johnson, Ann Johnson, Pat Norton, and Phyllis and DeWitt Killam.

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, November 05, 2023

Homebound Communion

8:30 am Walker Jewelry Sale

9:30 am Worship Service

(+Live streamed & archived)

10:35 am Speaker: Refugee Services

7:00 pm Pub Theology

Monday, November 06, 2023

1:30 pm Women Who Read

7:00 pm Church and Society

Tuesday, November 07, 2023

Coffee with the Pastor

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 08, 2023

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study

6:30 pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 09, 2023

1:00 pm Time for LIFE

7:00 pm Online Study: Do I Stay Christian

Friday, November 10, 2023

Saturday, November 11, 2023

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, November 12, 2023

9:30 am Worship Service

(+Live streamed & archived)

9:45 am Sunday School

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Greg Locke, Tanner VanderKrabben, Victor Zupanc, The Chancel Choir

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Pat Eder, Rev. Bill Johnson, Steve Warner, 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 November 5 is Merry Rendahl.

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