



November 19, 2023 at 9:30 am
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Bold = in unison

ENTRANCE

*** Rise in body or spirit**

Prelude

"Shower the People"
Victor Zupanc, soloist

by James Taylor

Welcome

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Call to Worship*

Rev. Wayne Albertson

The slow work of God is everywhere.

We seek to know where to look.

God is in the most ordinary of places.

God is at work, at school, and at home.

Under cover of night or in the light of day,

The LORD God is in our midst.

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain;
everlasting is thy reign.
2. Hark the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.
4. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Centering Prayer

God of the morning, God of the night, you have great plans for your children. You call us to walk your path and put our faith into action. No matter how we stealthily try to hide ourselves from our neighbor or from you, there is one truth: you always recognize us. Reveal this truth to us every day, for your redeeming love restores and strengthens our hearts. 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.

Sharing the Peace

Please greet your neighbor with a mutual sign of peace.

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.

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Scripture in Context

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” She said to her, “All that you say I will do.”

So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. When Boaz had eaten and drunk and was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet and lay down. At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin."

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

Sermon

“The People of God’s Land ”
“Leap of Faith” Worship Series 3 of 4

Rev. Hope Hutchison

THANKSGIVING

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 and Returning Our Annual Giving Commitments

*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

“Adagio” from Sonata in G minor”
Galina Dordevic, violin

by J. S. Bach

Doxology*

UM Hymnal No. 94

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*

Beloved Lord, you offer us a precious gift. Your invitation to salvation through Jesus Christ frees us from so many unnecessary fears. As children of your light, we present these gifts so that others may share in the timeless message of your love. Encourage us to reflect your love to others, today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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.

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“The River’s Gonna Keep On Rolling On”
Victor Zupanc, soloist

by Amy Grant

**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

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.

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

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!

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: December 3, January 7 Be part of this informal atmosphere to talk about faith questions big and small. Conversation led by Pastor Nate.

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 guides our discussion. **The next date & movie is December 6—Napoleon (release date Nov. 22)**

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

Holiday Lunch and Program, *Count Your Blessings*, with the GraceNotes Trio

Wednesday, December 6th, from 12 Noon - 2:00 pm, In-person Only

We are excited to welcome the GraceNotes Trio back to RUMC with their popular holiday program, *Count Your Blessings*! We will hear some sacred Christmas classics along with other heartwarming carols written in new and jazzy arrangements.

Time: 12 Noon - Holiday Lunch; 1:00 pm - Program Time

Cost: \$15.00, for both the lunch and program. \$5.00, for the program only. Please pay the day of the event. **Please RSVP by Sunday, December 3rd.**

Hands-On Welcome Kit Packing - December 3

After worship on Sun., Dec. 3, help pack bathroom welcome kits for refugees new to MN.

Richfield Symphonic Band Concert - Sunday, December 3, 4:00 pm

Mark the beginning of the Advent season with an inspired holiday concert from the Richfield Symphonic Band. The concert is open to the public and features a variety of new and traditional holiday favorites for the whole family. A freewill offering is split between the band and church.

Happy Thanksgiving: The church campus is closed Thursday, November 23, 2023, Friday, November 24, 2023, and Saturday, November 25, 2023.

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

October 9 (note: 2nd Monday) - *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

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, 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 Jessica, daughter of Caroline Riley.

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 19, 2023

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

Monday, November 20, 2023

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

No Wednesday Bible Study

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Church Campus Closed
Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24, 2023

Church Campus Closed

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Church Campus Closed
8:30 am Men's Group
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Refugee Services Drive Ends
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: Galina Dordevic, Tanner VanderKrabben, Victor Zupanc, Chancel Choir

Liturgists: Rev. Wayne Albertson, Rev. Hope Hutchison

Tech: Pat Eder, Rev. Bill Johnson, TY Moore

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 19 is Jerry Schilling.

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