



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 26, 2023 at 9:30 am
Christ the King Sunday

Leap of Faith

a worship series about hope

richfieldumc.org

Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Have I Told You Lately”
Victor Zupanc, soloist

by Van Morrison

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

God says, come and sit with us a while.

Let us put our time and energy to God.

God looks back and says, look how far you’ve come.

Let us give thanks to God for right here and right now.

God looks ahead and says, look how far you’ll go.

Let us worship the God of all generations.

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why! the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Centering Prayer

We lift our prayers of thanksgiving to you, LORD. You walked with Ruth and Naomi through famine. You held them tight through grief. You supported them through their restoration. And you made yourself known to their generations to come. We praise you, for you do the same for each one of us. For all we have been through, for where we are, and for all that is to come, we pray in thanksgiving - for you are always here and you are always now. 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 "Why Stand So Far Away, My God?" by Ruth Duck
Victor Zupanc, soloist

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading Ruth 4:9-10, 13-22

Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses."

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

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

Sermon

“The Hidden Prelude”
“Leap of Faith” Worship Series 4 of 4

Rev. Nate Melcher

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

“The Nearness of You”

by Hoagy Carmichael

THANKSGIVING

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*

Exalted One, we joyfully celebrate our unlimited trust in your faithful promises. We pray that all people will someday sound a cacophony of hallelujahs as they accept your steadfast love. May these gifts that we gladly lay upon your altar enable ministries that support this chorus of praise. We pray with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UM Hymnal 454

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Sing”

by Joe Raposo

**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

Next Sunday, December 3—Advent Begins

Advent Worship Series Begins: “Light of the World” December 3-24, 2023

There is something magical about the season of Advent. As we count down the days leading to Christmas, we will seek out the presence of Jesus, the light of the world. Enjoy Advent traditions such as lighting the Advent wreath, the Christmas Pageant on Dec. 10, and Lessons and Carols on Dec. 17. Christmas Eve worship is at 9:30 am and 4:00 pm.

Hands-On Welcome Kit Packing

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

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.

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.**

Service of Hope and Healing: Sunday December 10 at 4:00 pm

When we are in the midst of grief, whether it be the loss of a person, the loss of a job, or some other life-change, celebration is often very tender and difficult. All are invited to a Service of Hope, Memory, and Healing Sun., Dec. 10, 4:00 pm in the commons area. Live music, poetry, prayers, and ritual. Prepare your hearts for the light of Christ with candlelight and prayer. God's blessings to you.

UWF Bake Sale - Sunday December 10 after the worship service

Get your holiday baking done the easy way. Choose from an assortment of cookies, breads, bars and other delicious treats. Cookies 50 cents each and other items priced as marked. If you are interested in donating cookies or other items, please contact Toni Locke at 612-840-9797 or email toni@ggrreegg.com

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

December 4: Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting by Clare Pooley.

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: Lee Weiser in the death of his father, Joseph Weiser.

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 26, 2023

Refugee Services Drive Ends

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

Monday, November 27, 2023

5:00 pm Care Minister Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Coffee with the Pastor

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Charge Conference
7:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study
6:30 pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Friday, December 01, 2023

Saturday, December 02, 2023

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

Sunday, December 03, 2023

Advent Begins

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Refugee Services Kit Packing Party
4:00 pm Richfield Symphonic Band Holiday Concert
7:00 pm Pub Theology

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, 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 November 26 is Mary Martha Butler.

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