



February 11, 2024 at 9:30 am
Transfiguration Sunday



Bold = in unison

ENTRANCE

*** Rise in body or spirit**

Prelude

"All of Me"
by John Legend

Mitchell Douglas

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

God's table is expansive.

All are invited.

God's circle is drawn wide.

All are welcome.

God's love is growing.

All are loved.

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Centering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, through the Last Supper of your Son, we know what it is to be part of something greater than ourselves. You call us to the abundant feast despite our faults - perhaps even in part because of them - and you say take and eat, take and drink. May we share this invitation as it has been given to us. The love of Christ leads the way. 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

“One Love”
by Bob Marley

Victor Zupanc

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:17-25

Marilyn Dodge

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

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

Sermon

“The Thing(s) About Judas ”
“Intro to Jesus” Worship Series 6 of 6

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

“Make Them Hear You”
by Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens

Mitchell Douglas

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*

Holy One, we seek your wisdom and guidance. Many people face growing economic uncertainty. The realities of the recession close in on our lives. We experience realities like job loss, deflated investment accounts, increased grocery prices, delayed retirement plans, and mounting debt. Lift us from the depth of self-pity and despair. Save us from overwhelming fear and anger. Free us from the bondage of money. We place this money upon your altar as a gesture of our trust in you. Despite challenging financial times, we give out of our love and gratitude for your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“Swing Low Sweet Chariot”
vs. 1, 3, 4

UM Hymnal 703

Refrain:

**Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.**

1. I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)
3. I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down,
coming for to carry me home;
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,
coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)
4. The brightest day that I can say,
coming for to carry me home;
when Jesus washed my sins away,
coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Superstition”
by Stevie Wonder

Mitchell Douglas

**Worship is over. Service begins.
Go forth as Richfield United Methodist Church.**

Welcome Mitchell Douglas who will sing songs to help us celebrate Black History Month. Mitchell studied musical theater at Minnesota State University, Mankato and has become a sought-after performer on Twin Cities stages. He has performed at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, Crane Theatre, Children's Theatre Company, and others, as well as on cruise ships. Welcome Mitchell!

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, February 11

Sunday School - Following the Time with Children, meet teachers in the Nook.

Youth Ministry Fundraiser—Youth are selling snacks. Stock up for the big game.

Team Colors Sunday—Whether it's a football team t-shirt or a hockey jersey, your current school colors or your alma mater, we'll have a vibrant, colorful Sunday gathering to worshiping God with a little fun.

SOUPer Bowl Concludes—Last day to bring in your soup donations.

“Notable Narratives” A Lent Daily Devotional is Available

The 2024 Lent daily devotional is available in print on campus and online at <https://richfieldumc.org/devo>. During Lent, a devotion will be posted daily on Facebook. This year we have a daily devotional for Lent, with a twist. In many daily devos, we read what others have written about, giving thanks for what they have shared with the world. This time, the writer is you, and this devotional is about what you have to share with the people in your lives. It is time to write your “Notable Narrative.”

Winter Movie Nights: Tuesdays in February at 5:00 pm

This February, we are watching movies together on Tuesday evenings. Movies start at 5pm, and there will be tables set up for families to eat during the movie. Snacks will be available too. All ages are welcome to enjoy these family friendly films.

February 6: The Peanuts Movie; February 13: Lilo & Stitch; February 20: Babe;
February 27: Kung Fu Panda

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00pm (in-person only)

Begin the season of Lent with this interactive worship service of music, prayer, and spiritual practices - including the imposition of ashes. If you cannot be present in-person and wish to celebrate Ash Wednesday, you are encouraged to participate in one of the Ash Wednesday worship services in the [Richfield UMC archives](#), dated [February 17, 2021](#) or [March 2, 2022](#).

The Singing Statesmen and The Apollo Club in Concert

Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 pm—RUMC Sanctuary

Come see UW-Eau Claire's Singing Statesmen on their annual tour sharing a concert with The Apollo Club. Founded in Minneapolis in 1895, Apollo is one of the oldest continuously running men's choruses in the United States. The Singing Statesmen were founded in 1966 by Morris D. Hayes; the 48 tenors and basses represent diverse academic disciplines with a common respect and admiration for choral music. Apollo will open the program, followed by a set of music excerpted from The Singing Statesmen's tour program being featured at the Minnesota Music Educators Association convention earlier that day. Apollo and the Statesmen will join their voices to end the concert with nearly 100 voices strong. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Ongoing and Open

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

March 4, 2024 - Matrix by Lauren Goff

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, Joyce Walls, Laurel Lien, Agnes Danzl, Lee Weiser and Richard, Jim Vetsch, Don Morrow, Ann Johnson, Mitzi Taylor, Nancy Zwickey, sister of Susan (SK) Johnson, Robert McCoy, stepson of Curt Stull, Helen, daughter of Herb Doty, Rev. Marylee Fithian, and Elizabeth Lambert Warling.

We pray for those who seek comfort: Jane Parry.

We pray for those who grieve:

The family and friends of Cynthia Knutson, especially her mother, Sally Knutson. A funeral service was held this past Friday.

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, February 11, 2024

Team Colors Sunday; SOUPer Bowl Drive Ends

- 9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Snack Sale: Youth Fundraiser

Monday, February 12, 2024

- 7:00 pm Church and Society Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Coffee with the Pastor

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Winter Movie Night

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, February 15, 2024

- 7:30 pm The Singing Statesmen Concert

Friday, February 16, 2024

Saturday, February 17, 2024

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

Sunday, February 18, 2024

- 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: Mitchell Douglas, Greg Locke, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Marilyn Dodge, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Rev. Bill Johnson, 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 February 11 is Gretta Thorson.

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