



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 21, 2024 at 9:30 am
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Contemplation”
Chancel Bell Choir

by Cynthia Dobrinski

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

We begin in our home town, we turn onto the road.
God is our driving force along the path of life.
We seek to be kind, we desire to extend hospitality.
Jesus is our teacher along the path of life.
We come to worship, we share this good news for all.
The Holy Spirit is our refuge along the path of life.

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

Centering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, you sent Jesus to teach humankind your ways in a new way. We yearn to learn, we try to walk the walk. Following you isn't always easy, and it is always worth it. As he sent out his disciples, so do you send us out today. May we carry your Word by voice and by action, for your Good News is worth sharing. 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

“River In Judea”
Chancel Choir

by Linda Marcus

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:6b-13

[Jesus] went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Grammar of God” Worship Series 2 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

“Help Somebody”
Victor Zupanc, soloist

by Susan Werner

THANKSGIVING

Doxology*

UM Hymnal 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*

Glorious God, we know that your capacity to love is infinitely greater than our own ability. Indeed, you call us to love one another in truth and in action. We yearn to be active disciples, so that our hearts truly abide with you. Use these gifts to increase our ability to be your followers. In the name of the One who laid down his life for us, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
verses 1, 2, and 6

UM Hymnal 138

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Lean On Me”

by Bill Withers

**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, April 21

Children's Sunday School—Meet teachers in the Nook after the Time with Children.

Who are the United Women in Faith?

Please gather after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and information. Learn about programs, charities supported, and small group opportunities. All are welcome.

High School Youth Group Meeting after worship in the Grace Room.

The Apollo Club Spring Concert

Friday, April 26 at 7:30 pm, Richfield UMC Sanctuary The Apollo Club presents "Songs of the Open Road" that you can enjoy on your next road trip. Come on a musical journey together! Richfield UMC members can get discount tickets in advance with coupon code **T H X R U M C** (No spaces) at <https://theapolloclubmn.ticketspice.com/spring-concert>. This coupon code is only for church members, thank you. We need 2-4 servant volunteers to offer hospitality and welcome as greeters. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Nate.

Next Sunday, April 28

Tying Blankets for Caring For Children Join the fun as we prepare the material for 60+ blankets for the children in our childcare program. Sunday, April 28, following worship - Dexterous adults needed as we sort, prep, and cut the fabric for the project. Experience with cutting polar fleece is helpful; templates and some tools will be available; bring fabric scissors if you have them. We expect to be done by noon.

Film Theology—First Wednesdays at 6:00 pm-7:00 pm—Hybrid: Grace Room & [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. Next film to see and date to discuss: May 1 *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire* (release date: March 22)

All Youth Trip to Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, May 4, the youth will take a field trip to Feed My Starving Children to do a service project together. Contact Rev. Hope, hhutchison@richfieldumc.org

Sunday, May 5

"Church Hat Sunday" is May Celebrate God with style on May 5, the day after the Kentucky Derby with all its fashion and fascinators, wearing your favorite hat, be it fancy, well-worn, or a family heirloom.

2024 Love Offering Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. Our Love Offering this year will help our neighbors—in Minnesota and around the world—heal from trauma and find safety.

Toddler Sunday School: Sunday School aimed at our youngest children.

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

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

Pub Theology is drop-in discussion about faith, God, and life over a tasty beverage.

More info: richfieldumc.org/pubtheology

Tying Blankets for Caring For Children Following worship, help tie the knots for 60+ blankets for the children in our childcare program! All ages are welcome as we tie the blankets. NO experience is needed. We expect to be done by 11:30, you are welcome to stay/leave as you desire.

General Conference is April 23-May 3, 2024 After several pandemic delays, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church meets in Charlotte, NC on April 23 -May 3, 2024. You may hear about it on the news, and wonder about its impact on us as an Annual Conference and as a local church. To get the best information before, during, and after General Conference, here are a few resources to follow: www.umnews.org/en/ is the official news source for The United Methodist Church. Sign up for their daily digest email. www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020 has all the legislation, all the updates, and all the livestreaming video all week long.

Ongoing and Open

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

May 6, 2024 - Once We Were Home by Jennifer Rosner

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, Laurel Lien, Agnes Danzl, Lee Weiser and Richard, Jim Vetsch, Don Morrow, Robert McCoy, stepson of Curt Stull, Rev. Marylee Fithian, and Harvey Ehman, brother of Roxie Hillger.

We pray for those who seek comfort: Jane Parry and Joyce Walls.

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, April 21, 2024

- 9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Who Are the United Women in Faith?
- 10:45 am High School Youth Group

Monday, April 22, 2024

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Coffee with the Pastor

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Staff Parish Relations
Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25, 2024

LifeLine Screening

Friday, April 26, 2024

7:30 pm The Apollo Club Spring Concert

Saturday, April 27, 2024

8:30 am Twin Cities Area church Library
Association Meeting

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, April 28, 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: Sonja Gustafson, Tanner VanderKrabben, Victor Zupanc, Chancel Bell Choir,
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 April 21 is Pat Norton.

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