



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 5, 2024 at 9:30 am  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



**Bold = in unison**

**\* Rise in body or spirit**

## ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Pastorale”  
Sonja Gustafson, organ

by Alec Rowley

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship\*

Rev. Hope Hutchison

How gracious is the Spirit of Christ!

**The table of reconciliation is always before us.**

How nourishing is the grace of God!

**All who hunger for redemption are welcome to feast.**

How liberating is the invitation of Love!

**No barriers stand between us and the way of the Sacred.**

Praise God, who restores life and lifts us from the pits of destruction.

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God sent the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, though we seek to love, still we fail one another. We get stuck in our guilt. We hide in shame. But you, O God, do not send us away. You draw us closer, more deeply into the heart of Love where we are transformed. Whatever burdens of regret we bear, may we hear and receive your eternal invitation to embrace the grace that sets us free. To make amends. To heal. To reconcile. Through Christ we pray. Hear us 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.*



...proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, **Christ has died,**  
Christ is risen, **Christ is risen,**  
Christ will come again! **Christ will come again.**

All honor and glory is your, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen, amen **Amen, amen**  
amen **amen.**

### 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.**

### Sharing Our Gifts

*Your gift in-person, by mail or phone, or online at [richfieldumc.org/give](http://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

**"Panis Angelicus"**  
Tanner VanderKrabben

by Emil Sjögren

Panis angelicus  
fit panis hominum;  
Dat panis coelicus  
figuris terminum:  
O res mirabilis!  
Manducat Dominum  
pauper, servus et humilis.

Thus Angels' Bread is made  
the Bread of man today:  
the Living Bread from heaven  
with figures dost away:  
O wondrous gift indeed!  
the poor and lowly may  
upon their Lord and Master feed.

## 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\*      “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”      UM Hymnal 400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

### Benediction\*

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

### Postlude

“Morning Has Broken”  
Victor Zupanc

Traditional

**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, May 5

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**“Church Hat Sunday” is May 5** | Coming to worship in an amazing “church hat” is a beloved tradition in many churches, and we will try this on for size today.

**2024 Love Offering, May 5-19 | Special Envelope in today’s bulletin**

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. This year’s offering helps our neighbors heal from trauma and find safety. **30% will go to three causes**, a new trauma care center in Ukraine, immigration legal support in partnership with Volunteer Lawyer Network and to special programming aimed at reducing trauma at Emma Norton Services’ new Restoring Waters facility. **10% will go to Volunteers in Mission scholarships**, supporting first-time mission trip participants.

**Toddler Sunday School**

First Sunday of most months, for ages 2-5. Meet in the Nook following the Time with Children to proceed to Fellowship Hall.

**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.

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

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

Next Gatherings: May 5 and June 2. Pub Theology is drop-in discussion about faith, God, and life over a tasty beverage. More info: [richfieldumc.org/pubtheology](http://richfieldumc.org/pubtheology)

**Next Sunday, May 12**

**Kevin Kling, Master Storyteller Coming to Richfield UMC**

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On May 12, Kevin Kling will be in worship, please invite your friends. Kevin Kling is best known for his popular commentaries on National Public Radio’s *All Things Considered* and his autobiographical tales which are enchanting and deliver hilarious, often tender moments. Kling grew up in Minnesota and lives in Minneapolis.

**Pizza with the Pastor / New Member Class | Sunday, May 19, 10:45 am-12:00 pm**

**Please RSVP to Pastor Nate, [nmelcher@richfieldumc.org](mailto:nmelcher@richfieldumc.org) or 612-861-6086**

Learn about church membership and RSVP for “Pizza with the Pastor.” We’ll get to know each other over lunch and talk about church ministries and membership vows. New members are scheduled to join on June 2. Can’t make that date, yet you’re interested? RSVP, anyway!

**UMC T-Shirt Orders Due May 19**

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Wear a UMC t-shirt to express your faith and values at a church event or in the neighborhood. **To order, go to the Sunday t-shirt table** or mail your name, desired shirt(s) size (plus a backup size if they run out of stock), and your cash/check payment. The church will place a group order and cover shipping costs. You must pay in-advance to order a shirt.

**Semi-Annual Meeting / Church Conference and Potluck Lunch**

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**Sunday, June 2, 10:45 am-11:45 am | In-Person (Fellowship Hall) and Online**

**The church conference will begin at 11:00 am.**

Zoom Meeting ID: 886 0975 2661 / Passcode: 5835 or call: (312) 626-6799

You are invited to a potluck lunch and church conference for the purpose of voting on new elected leaders, receiving reports, and welcoming new members. In-person participation is highly encouraged, and a Zoom option will be available.

## Ongoing and Open

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

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

Contact Fern Albertson, [wfalbertson@gmail.com](mailto:wfalbertson@gmail.com), to get connected.

### **Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study**

Contact Molly Reko, [mollyreko@comcast.net](mailto:mollyreko@comcast.net), to get connected.

### **Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study**

Contact Kent Johnson, [kentjmn@gmail.com](mailto:kentjmn@gmail.com), to get connected.

### **Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group**

Contact Kent Johnson, [kentjmn@gmail.com](mailto: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, Robert McCoy, stepson of Curt Stull, Rev. Marylee Fithian, Harvey Ehman, brother of Roxie Hillger, and Mitzi Taylor.

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, May 05, 2024

*Home Communion Sunday*

*Church Hat Sunday*

*Love Offering May 5-19*

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

9:45 am Toddler Sunday School

10:45 am Tie Blankets for CFC

7:00 pm Pub Theology

### Monday, May 06, 2024

1:30 pm Women Who Read

5:00 pm Parish Companion Meeting

### Tuesday, May 07, 2024

*Coffee with the Pastor*

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

### Wednesday, May 08, 2024

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

6:30 pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 09, 2024

12:00pm Time for LIFE

### Friday, May 10, 2024

### Saturday, May 11, 2024

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

### Sunday, May 12, 2024

*Special Guest Kevin Kling*

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 Choir

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Rev. Bill Johnson, Juan Nieves Lebrón, Steve Warner

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 May 5 is Merry Rendahl.

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