



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 19, 2024 at 9:30 am
Day of Pentecost



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Peal of Praise”
Chancel Bell Choir

by Cynthia Dobrinski

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

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.**

1. O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
2. O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
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Time with Children

Rev. Hope Hutchison

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

“Va Pensiero” from Nabucco
Chancel Choir

by Giuseppe Verdi

Translation:

Fly, thought, on wings of gold; go settle upon the slopes and the hills,
where, soft and mild, the sweet airs of our native land smell fragrant!

Greet the banks of the Jordan and Zion's toppled towers...

oh, my country, so beautiful and lost! oh, remembrance, so dear and so fatal!

Golden harp of the prophetic seers, why dost thou hang mut upon the willow?
rekindle our bosom's memories, and speak to us of times gone by!

Oh you akin to the fate of Jerusalem, give forth a sound of crude lamentation,
oh my the Lord inspire you a harmony of voices which may instill virtue to
suffering.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:4b-8; 2:1-4, 43-47

Bryan Nelson-Phelan

Acts 1:4b-8

“This,” [Jesus said to the disciples], “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:43-47

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Sermon

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Rev. Nate Melcher

“The Grammar of God” Worship Series 6 of 6

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
verses 1, 2, and 3

UM Hymnal 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Ashokan Farewell”
Elise Parker, violin

by Jay Unger

**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

UMC T-Shirt Orders Due Today, May 19

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.

Next Sunday, May 26—Online Only Worship
9:30 am, [youtube.com/richfieldumc](https://www.youtube.com/richfieldumc) or 888.650.5835

Summer Holiday Worship Series: “Best Supporting Actor” Online-Only
May 26 (Memorial Day weekend), July 7 (Independence Day weekend), and September 1 (Labor Day weekend) During these special online-only worship services, Pastor Nate will preach a 3-part interconnected sermon exploring the relationship between Jesus and Nicodemus in the Gospel of John. Please do not come to campus these Sundays; instead, experience worship online, thanks.

Semi-Annual Meeting / Church Conference and Potluck Lunch

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 and receiving reports. In-person participation is highly encouraged.

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

Next Gathering: **June 2** (then, summer hiatus) Location: Davanni's, 6345 Penn Ave S., Richfield
Pub Theology is drop-in discussion about faith, God, and life over a tasty beverage. Be part of the informal atmosphere and talk with people of many generations about faith questions big and small. More information: richfieldumc.org/pubtheology

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 popcorn! Pastor Nate leads our discussion. Next date and film to discuss: **June 5 - Civil War** (release date: April 12) More info: richfieldumc.org/filmtheology

Outdoor Worship, June 9 - Richfield Bandshell at 9:30 am
[636 East 66th Street](#) Richfield (free parking at Ice Arena)

Summer Outdoor Worship Series: “And I Say It’s All Right: Beatles at the Bandshell”
June 9 (Richfield Bandshell), **July 14** (Lake Harriet Bandshell), and **August 11** (Richfield Bandshell) Note for online worshipers: While the outdoor summer worship series happens at the bandshell, online and phone worshipers will experience a hand-selected trio of worship service rebroadcasts.

Field Trip: St. John’s Illuminated Bible Museum: Saturday, June 8, 10:30 am-3:30 pm

Cost: ~\$15 for lunch, tour is free Take the church bus for a trip to St. John's University for a guided tour of the St. John's Illuminated Bible. This Bible was handwritten using ancient techniques and will last for generations to come. Meet at the church campus, drive to St. John's and have "all you care to eat" brunch in the campus refectory (~\$15 per person, scholarships available). We'll return at 3:30 pm. The bus has room for 14 passengers, or you may travel on your own. Please sign up in the Commons and contact Pastor Nate for more information. Learn more at saintjohnsbible.org

Ongoing and Open

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

June 3 - The Little Old Lady Who Broke All The Rules by Catharina Ingelman Sundberg

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, Robert McCoy, stepson of Curt Stull, Rev. Marylee Fithian, Harvey Ehman, brother of Roxie Hillger, Mitzi Taylor, Kay Kurtz, Don Morrow, Lori Claussen, and Tristan, great-grandson of Marylee Fithian.

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 19, 2024

Day of Pentecost

- 9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Children's Sunday School Year
End Party
- 10:45 am New Member Class
- 11:00 am Youth End of Year Party

Monday, May 20, 2024

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Coffee with the Pastor

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

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Friday, May 24, 2024

Saturday, May 25, 2024

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

Sunday, May 26, 2024

- 9:30 am Online-Only Worship Service
- Please do not come to campus this Sunday; instead, experience worship online or by phone. Thank you, and have a blessed Memorial Day.*

Monday, May 27

Campus closed in observance of Memorial Day

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Sonja Gustafson, Elise Parker, Tanner VanderKrabben, Victor Zupanc,
Chancel Bell Choir, Chancel Choir

Liturgists: 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 May 19 is Kate Currie.

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