



June 9, 2024 at 9:30 am
May 28, 2023 Reprise



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude "Dance in the Graveyards" by Delta Rae

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

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.

The LORD's Prayer

Bea Melcher

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.

Gathering Hymn*

"I Love to Tell the Story"

UM Hymnal 156

vs. 1, 3, and 4

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]
4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-12

Gertie Melcher

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.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“How Is It That We Hear?”
“Hearts on Fire” Worship Series 1 of 3

Rev. Nate Melcher

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Prayer of Gratitude / 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 Song “Lo, A Voice to Heaven Sounding” by Dimitri Bortniasky
 Chancel Choir

Benediction

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

Postlude “I’m a Believer” by Neil Diamond



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

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, Don Morrow, Lori Claussen, Tristan, great-grandson of Marylee Fithian, Mandy Beardsley’s father, John, and Marlys Hudson.

We pray for those who seek comfort: Jane Parry and Winona Davis.

We pray for those who grieve:

The family and friends of Joyce Walls, who died May 28, especially Sandy and Steve Meyer. A memorial service will be held at the church on Saturday, July 13 at 11:00 am. Visitation the hour prior to the service.

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.

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 June 9 is Gretta Thorson.

RICHFIELD UMC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, June 16

Worship at 9:30 am in-person (sanctuary), online, or by phone, 888-650-5835. We will hear two young musicians, Groth Music Scholarship recipients, who will share their talents on violin and oboe. The “So Many Questions” Worship Series continues with the query, “What is sacred?”

Church Campus Closed June 19

The campus, office, and Caring for Children will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

Vacation Bible Camp: Camp Firelight, June 24-28

at Lake Harriet UMC, 4901 Chowen Ave S. Minneapolis

Register: lakeharrietumc.org/children-youth-and-family-ministries/

Come join us as we partner with Lake Harriet UMC for Vacation Bible Camp. The theme will take children on a summer adventure with God. This camp is open to children pre-K-5th grade, with leadership opportunities available for children in 6th grade and above. All VBC programming is free, and will happen from 9am-12pm daily. There is also after care available from 12-4pm for \$30 per child, per day. Scholarships are available upon request.

Twin Cities Pride—June 29 & 30

Persons interested in staffing the United Methodist Pride Booth on June 29th or 30th in Loring Park may check the announcement at the church or go to this website: **Sign up for your shift online at:** (<https://ttsu.me/9nvdad>). Persons interested in joining other United Methodists in the Pride March (Parade) on Sunday the 30th may contact coordinator, Don Prestly, at don.prestly@gmail.com for the time and place to meet. Persons may contact Wayne Albertson (wfalbertson@gmail.com) for more information.

Church Campus Closed July 4 and 5

The campus, office, and Caring for Children will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Sunday, July 7—Online Only Worship

9:30 am, 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.

Next Outdoor Worship, July 14 - Lake Harriet Bandshell at 10:00 am (note time)

[4135 W Lake Harriet Pkwy , Minneapolis](#) (parking in paid lots / free on the street)

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.

Coffee with the Pastor—9:00 am-12:00 pm, most Tuesdays

Sign up: calendly.com/natemelcher Pastor Nate is meeting with church members like you to check-in, connect, and pray. Sign up with the calendar link or call the office. Meet at Starbucks (54th and Lyndale). Your drink is on Pastor Nate!

Ongoing and Open

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

July 1, 2024 - The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams

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.

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, June 9, 2024

9:30 am In-person worship at the
Richfield Bandshell

9:30 am Online Worship Service

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Friday, June 14, 2024

Saturday, June 15, 2024

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Monday, June 10, 2024

5:00 pm Care Minister Meeting

7:00 pm Church & Society Meeting

Sunday, June 16, 2024

9:30 am Worship Service

(+Live streamed & archived)

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Greg Locke, Lyra Olson, Tanner VanderKrabben,
Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Gertie, Bea, and Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Rev. Bill Johnson, Rev. Nate Melcher, TY Moore, Dale Olson,
Steve Warner, Michele Wegscheid

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