



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 9, 2024 at 9:30 am  
Richfield Bandshell

**AND I SAY  
IT'S ALL RIGHT  
THE BEATLES AT THE BANDSHELL**

[richfieldumc.org](http://richfieldumc.org)

**Bold = in unison**

**\* Rise in body or spirit**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude

**“A Little Help From My Friends”** by Lennon & McCartney  
The Living Waters Band

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Gathering Song\*

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Spiritual/arr. Wendell Whalum

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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.

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

Reflection Music

“Here Comes the Sun”

by George Harrison

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

Psalm 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
How long must I bear pain in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?  
Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.  
But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the LORD  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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

Sermon "Will God please, please help me?" Rev. Nate Melcher  
"And I Say It's All Right: Beatles at the Bandshell" Worship Series 1 of 3

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

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.*

Offertory Music "Blackbird" by Lennon & McCartney

## THANKSGIVING

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.*

Celebrating Our Graduates Noah Dewey and Lauren Koskey

God of love and God of grace, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless these young people on the milestone of graduation. May you bring them peace.

**You are a surrounding God! We thank you for those who taught them, who raised them, who worked beside them, and who supported them along the way.**

As they journey into goodness and celebration, we give thanks for the gift of your creative energy at work in their lives. May you bring them joy.

**You are an empowering God! May they feel your loving presence with them up on the highest of mountaintops.**

As they journey through confusion and anxiety, we give thanks for the gift of your guiding energy at work in their lives. May you bring them hope.

**You are a sustaining God! May they feel your loving presence with them down in the lowest of valleys.**

As they go from this time and this space, in your promise may they know that you go with them. May the love of Christ live loudly in their hearts every step of the way.

**You are a renewing God! May these graduates be filled by your Holy Spirit to do good in all ways, in all places, and to all people. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

Sending Song\* “I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”  
Spiritual/adapt. by W. Farley Smith

1. I'm goin'-a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
I'm goin'-a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
I'm goin'-a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
2. I'm goin'-a pray when the Spirit says pray,  
I'm goin'-a pray when the Spirit says pray,  
I'm goin'-a pray when the Spirit says pray,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
3. I'm goin'-a moan when the Spirit says moan,  
I'm goin'-a moan when the Spirit says moan,  
I'm goin'-a moan when the Spirit says moan,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
4. I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout,  
I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout,  
I'm goin'-a shout when the Spirit says shout,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

Benediction\*

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

Postlude

“Imagine”

by John Lennon

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

Congratulations Graduates!

**Noah Dewey** is graduating from Eden Prairie High School and attending the University of Minnesota.

**Lauren Koskey** is graduating from Edina High School and is attending University of Kansas.

**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

## **Next Sunday, June 16**

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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**

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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/](http://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**

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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](mailto:don.prestly@gmail.com) for the time and place to meet. Persons may contact Wayne Albertson ([wfalbertson@gmail.com](mailto:wfalbertson@gmail.com)) for more information.

## **Church Campus Closed July 4 and 5**

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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](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.

## **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**

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**Sign up:** [calendly.com/natemelcher](https://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

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### **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](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.

## **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.

## 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

### Monday, June 10, 2024

- 5:00 pm Care Minister Meeting
- 7:00 pm Church & Society Meeting

### Tuesday, June 11, 2024

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, June 12, 2024

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study

### Thursday, June 13, 2024

### Friday, June 14, 2024

### Saturday, June 15, 2024

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

### Sunday, June 16, 2024

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

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Rev. Nate Melcher, Reid Rejsa, Kevin Schunk, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: TY Moore, 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 June 9 is Gretta Thorson.

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