



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 16, 2024 at 9:30 am
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Sonata No. 1 in G minor, I. Adagio”
Rebecca Hall, violin
Groth Scholarship recipient
Kerri LeJeune, accompanist

by J.S. Bach

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

God meets us in our fear.

They meet us in our messiness.

God does not ask us to be a self-improvement project;

They are not tapping Their impatient toes,

waiting for us to “get it all together,” whatever that means!

God is abundantly patient.

God is abundantly understanding.

They know the way the world has broken our hearts.

It breaks Theirs, too.

Come, let us meet with the Brokenhearted God.

For wide are the arms of Love.

1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be-
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.
2. Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.
3. Like a father you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.
4. Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
In your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

Centering Prayer

We are afraid, Oh God. Systems of domination swirl around us and we are caught in the whirlwind. Systemic greed destroys ecosystems, causing extreme weather events; we worry for our lives and homes. We mourn clean water and beloved animal kin. We are pulled this way and that, looking for healthcare and housing, trying to survive. May courage accompany our fear. May rest accompany our getting-through. May systems of domination crumble, turn into soil by the work of worms, that new life may grow. 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

“Sonatine, 1st Movement”
Kalina Lee, oboe
Groth Scholarship recipient
Kerri LeJeune, accompanist

by Pierre Sancan

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Alex Currie

“With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Sermon

“What is sacred?”
“So Many Questions” Worship Series 2 of 9

Rev. Nate Melcher

A Father's Day Prayer for All Men

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

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

Six Metamorphoses after Ovid for solo oboe, number 6, Arethusa
Kalina Lee, oboe by Benjamin Britten

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 / 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.**

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”
verses 1, 2, and 4

UM Hymnal 383

1. This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.
2. For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.
4. Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Baal Shem, III. Simchas Torah (Rejoicing)” by Ernest Bloch
Rebecca Hall, violin

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

Welcome Rebecca Hall and Kalina Lee

Rebecca Hall will be a Freshman at Columbus State University, Columbus, GA. She will be studying Violin Performance. Rebecca is a graduate of Heritage Hall's Academy, Minnetonka, MN.

Kalina Lee will be a sophomore at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, OH. She will be studying Oboe Performance. Kalina is a graduate of United Christian Academy, Bloomington, MN.

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

Church Campus Closed June 19

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

Next Sunday, June 23

Guest preacher, Rev. Jerad Morey, will address our next query in the “So Many Questions” Worship Series, “What is a miracle?”

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/9nvdaa>). 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](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

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.

Families with Young Children are always welcome in worship!

Here are some options to help your family have a good experience when worshipping in the Sanctuary:

The Nook - A space connected to the Sanctuary perfect for having a quiet or wiggly moment.

Art Cart - Children can fill a bag with items in The Nook to bring with them to worship with their families in the pews.

Time with Children - Children of all ages are invited to experience a message just for them. Parent/guardians are welcome to join their children too.

Sunday School - September-May

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, Don Morrow, Lori Claussen, 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 16, 2024

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

Monday, June 17, 2024

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Coffee with the Pastor

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

*Campus closed in observance of
Juneteenth*

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Friday, June 21, 2024

Saturday, June 22, 2024

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, June 23, 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: Rebecca Hall, Kalina Lee, Kerri LeJeune, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Alex Currie, 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 June 16 is Mary Martha Butler.

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