



September 1, 2024 at 9:30 am
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Bold = in unison

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Contemplation”
Chancel Bell Choir

Cynthia Dobrinski

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

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
Chancel Choir

by John Rutter

Please join in singing.

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all

The purple-headed mountain, The river running by,
The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one;

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all

He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

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

Gospel Reading

John 19:28-42

Gertie Melcher

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth, so that you also may continue to believe.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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

Sermon

“Teachers”
“Best Supporting Actor” Worship Series 3 of 3

Rev. Nate Melcher

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RICHFIELD UMC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, September 8, 9:30 am

Rally Sunday with Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday School kick-off.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Kick-Off

Registration, Lunch, and Wood Lake Nature Trail Walk

Next Sunday, September 8 at 10:45 am

All families with children and youth, Infants - 12th Grade

Families with students of all ages are invited to a special CYF Kick-Off event. After worship, make your way to the Fellowship Hall and fill out registration materials, meet Sunday School teachers and youth group volunteers, and hear about the program year. There will be children activities while parents and guardians fill out forms, and get to know other families with a pizza lunch! If the weather is nice families are encouraged to walk the trail at nearby Wood Lake together, featuring the floating boardwalk (avg. walking time: 30 min.).

The Annual Fall Food Drive: Now through Sept. 29

The drive benefits VEAP, our longtime partner who is celebrating 50 years serving the community. Be sure to pick-up the list of most needed items.

2024 Is Our Church's 170th Birthday

We are celebrating our church's 170th birthday all October long. Please stay tuned for special events and displays, ways to share your memories, celebratory moments in worship, and more. We are planning a birthday celebration for after worship on Sunday, October 27. Anyone who wants to help make this happen, please contact Pastor Nate today at melcher@richfieldumc.org.

Prayer Partners Returns (Adults matched with children Grades K-12)

Begins September 29 after worship (10:40-11:00 am)

The stats are in: children and teens who connect with caring adults often deepen in faith and strengthen their support network. After worship, children and their matched adults will connect for around 20 minutes with a guided check-in, a moment to pray, and of course, a snack. Adults, if you'd like to pair up this year contact Becca Whitaker at bwhitaker@richfieldumc.org.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

6:15 pm-7:30 pm, 1st Wednesdays of the Month

September 11 (2nd Sunday), October 2, November 6, December 4

Youth Group returns at an earlier time. On 1st Wednesdays, come for a pizza, then we'll check-in and have an activity such as a card game, Jackbox games, Pub Theology with root beer floats, service projects, and more. Join Becca, Pastor Nate, and other adult leaders for this monthly community gathering.

Sunday, September 15, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Penn Fest: Visit the Richfield UMC booth and check out all the action along Penn Avenue from 62nd to 76th Streets which is closed to motorized traffic during the event. Explore the avenue filled with music, dance, sports, games, crafters, artisans, kids activities, Pet Zone, delicious food, small business marketplace, community groups, school groups and more.

Ongoing and Open Groups

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

September 9, 2024 - The Fire Keeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley (Note: second Monday this month)

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.

Lay Caregiving Teams

There are three primary care teams [Care Ministers who visit people who can't get to church; Parish Ministers who visit people who are in the hospital or recently home; and Parish Companions who visit with a person in a transitional time (experiencing a family death, a recent divorce, a new diagnosis, etc.) - a relationship which might last up to a year]. All care team groups meet periodically for training and consultation. People who are interested in joining a care team should contact: Kay Bergeland, kbergeland@richfieldumc.org.

Faith Groups

These are groups that interested individuals form in order to engage in regular conversation about matters of faith and offer support to each other. The groups arrange their own scheduling. For more information contact Rev. Nate Melcher, nmelcher@richfieldumc.org.

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, September 01, 2024

9:30 am Online Only Worship
youtube.com/richfieldumc or
888.650.5835

Please do not come to campus on Sept. 1, instead, experience worship online. Have a blessed Labor Day.

Monday, September 02, 2024

Campus closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 03, 2024

7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, September 04, 2024

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

Thursday, September 05, 2024

Friday, September 06, 2024

Saturday, September 07, 2024

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

Sunday, September 08, 2024

Rally Sunday with Blessing of the Backpacks

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
10:45 pm Children, Youth and Families
Registration Party

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Chancel Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, Sonja Gustafson, Steve Klosinski, Greg Locke, Tanner VanderKrabben, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Bea, Gertie, and Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech Crew: Pat Eder, Rev. Bill Johnson, Juan Nieves Lebrón, Rev. Nate Melcher, TY Moore, Dale Olson, Steve Warner, Michele Wegscheid

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 September 1 is Kate Currie .

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