



**October 6, 2024 at 9:30 am
World Communion Sunday**



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

**“Forgiveness”
by Susan Werner**

Victor Zupanc

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Holy God, you have given up everything to be with us.
**Open our hearts, that we may learn your lavish,
loving ways and pattern our lives on your generosity.**
We pray this through Jesus Christ,
the One who is an unending gift of mercy, our Savior and Lord.

Blessed are you, God of creation.
You fashion the rhythms of the planet and send water to nourish all life.
The mightiest oceans and smallest streams glorify you.
We praise you for the gift of abundant waters.

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Prayer of Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Host at every table,
Companion of the suffering, Spirit of resurrection life.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

God of letting go,

We confess that we fill ourselves with empty riches while our neighbors starve.

God of the cross,

We confess that we grasp for dreams of wealth and reject your path of sacrificial love.

God who knows our pain,

We confess that we become numb or grumpy when you invite us into compassion.

God who saves, feeds, and heals,

We repent of setting the table too small. We lament our habits of scarcity and distrust. We renounce the lures of prosperity and seek your reign of joy and peace.

People of God, we are both with flaw and onward to perfection: God's table is set for all creation. In Jesus Christ, all our sins are forgiven, all our fears are cast aside and all our neighbors are fed.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

Praise the Holy Spirit who gives us abundant life!

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.

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

“One Bread, One Body”

UM Hymnal 620

Please join in singing the refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord**

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:13-16

Sarah Callahan

People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, “Allow the children to come to me. Don’t forbid them, because God’s kingdom belongs to people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn’t welcome God’s kingdom like a child will never enter it.” Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

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

Sermon

“The Impossible Promise of Enough Potential”

“Enough” Worship Series 1 of 4

Rev. Nate Melcher

THANKSGIVING

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The LORD be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the LORD.**
Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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.

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.*

Receiving the Sacrament

*There is no barrier between you and the table.
All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.*

Music During Communion

“Eat This Bread”

Communauté de Taizé
adapt. Robert J. Batastini

Please join in singing the refrain:

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

Thank you, God our provider, for this meal of grace. May the mercies we have tasted here make us quick to share and ready to welcome others, as you have welcomed and loved us fully. Let all our tables bear witness to your abundant life, good and gracious God. Amen.

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 Hymn*

“Be Still My Soul”

UM Hymnal 534

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Benediction*

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

Postlude

“Lean On Me”
By Bill Withers

Victor Zupanc

**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

Today, Sunday, October 6

In-Person October: Kick-off Breakfast, All are welcome for scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit and pastries following worship in the fellowship hall.

Pub Theology, First Sundays, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm, Dates: Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1
Location: Davanni's Pizza and Hoagies (6345 Penn Ave S, Richfield) Pub Theology is a drop-in, informal discussion on faith, God, and life. Arrive early to order a beverage and/or dinner, then stay for conversation led by Pastor Nate.

Toddler Sunday School (Infants - Preschool) 9:30-10:20 am: Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1
Parents/Guardians bring your toddler and preschool-age children to Toddler Sunday School for a Bible story, a snack, and free play on the **1st Sundays of the month**. All children are welcome to return to the sanctuary to receive Holy Communion with their families, too. RSVP to bwhitaker@richfieldumc.org.

Time for LIFE: Learning, Inspiration, and Fellowship for Everyone

Amazing Hummingbirds! With Stan Tekiela, naturalist and photographer
New day: Tuesday, October 8th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm; social dessert time to follow
Cost: \$5.00 for in-person participants; payable the day of the event
RSVP: No later than Sunday, October 6th. Sign up in the Commons, call the church office (612-861-6086), or email kbergeland@richfieldumc.org

Next Sunday, October 13

In-Person October: Class-Deepening Your Spirituality through Three Easy Practices
Our teacher will be the Reverend Martha Postlethwaite, pastor and spiritual director. We will meet in the sanctuary at 10:45 after cookies and coffee in the Commons.

Organ Concert, 4:00 pm

We are blessed with an amazing 34-rank Reuter Opus 1881 organ that boasts 1,982 pipes. In celebration of Richfield UMC's 170th anniversary, organist Sonja Gustafson will play a concert of classical and church favorites, with some hymn singing as well.

Sunday School (Grades K-6, 9:40 am-10:30 am)

Children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade are invited to make new friends and learn about God in Sunday School. After Time with Children in worship, the Sunday School teachers lead children to the classroom for a Bible story, a snack, and an activity.

In-Person October Continues

Sunday, October 20, following worship

Heritage Room Open House

The Heritage room, located adjacent to the commons area and library, will be open immediately after the church service. A sampling of picture albums, ledger books of the past, Bibles, quilts, and wall pictures of all former ministers will be available for viewing. Stop in and see some of our 170 years in action. Cookies will be served.

Sunday, October 27, following worship

170th Birthday Party

Birthday cake and ice cream will be served to you at the tables in Fellowship Hall where there will be a variety of toppings to make a delicious sundae. We will have a brief presentation on some of the high points of our history and we will engage in table discussions about our own histories with RUMC.

Ongoing and Open

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

To join by Zoom, email Fern wfalbertson@gmail.com. The book for October 7, 2024 is West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. If you are a woman who enjoys good books and thoughtful discussion, then consider joining fellow readers for Women Who Read.

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 - (Grades K-6) After Time with Children in worship, the Sunday School teachers lead children to the classroom for a Bible story, a snack, and an activity. **2024 Sunday School (9:40 am-10:30 am):** October 13, October 27, November 10, November 17, December 8, December 22.

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 seek healing: 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, John Darling, Michele Wegscheid and family, Ann Johnson, Phil Williams, Lori Claussen and her brother Bill, and Ranelle Beardsley, Mandy Beardsley's mother.

We pray for those who seek comfort: Paula Milani.

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, October 06, 2024

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Toddler Sunday School
10:30 am In-Person October
Kick-Off Breakfast
7:00 pm Pub Theology

Monday, October 07, 2024

1:30 pm Women Who Read

Tuesday, October 08, 2024

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
1:00 pm Time for LIFE

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Friday, October 11, 2024

Saturday, October 12, 2024

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

Sunday, October 13, 2024

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:40 am Children's Sunday School
10:40 am In-Person October
Class: Spiritual Practices with
Rev. Martha Postlethwaite
4:00 pm Organ Concert

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Sarah Callahan, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Pat Eder, Rev. Bill Johnson, Juan Nieves Lebrón

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 October 6 is Mary Martha Butler.

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