



October 13, 2024 at 9:30 am  
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



**Bold = in unison**

**\* Rise in body or spirit**

## ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Aria”  
by Paul Laubengayer

Jan Kirchner

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship\*

Jamie Bordewick

When we lose our way, you revive us  
**and remind us of our place in creation.**

Through the life and death of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
**born of water, we are drawn anew into your sacred rhythms.**

We praise you for the gift of baptism.

**We praise you for abundant blessings.**

1. **Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
2. **Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
3. **Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

### Centering Prayer

**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, unending gift of mercy,  
our Savior and Lord. 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

Becca Whitaker

### 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

“Alleluia ”  
by Sherri Porterfield

Chancel Choir

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments: *Don’t commit murder. Don’t commit adultery. Don’t steal. Don’t give false testimony. Don’t cheat. Honor your father and mother.*”

“Teacher,” he responded, “I’ve kept all of these things since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, “You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, “It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God’s kingdom!” His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, “Children, it’s difficult to enter God’s kingdom! It’s easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom.”

They were shocked even more and said to each other, “Then who can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.”

Peter said to him, “Look, we’ve left everything and followed you.”

Jesus said, “I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first.”

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

Sermon “The Impossible Promise of Enough Generosity”  
“Enough” Worship Series 2 of 4 Rev. Nate Melcher

Witness of Faith Wes Mellgren

Celebrating Our Heritage Mary Kay Petersen

Prayers of the People  
LORD in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

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.**

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

Sharing Our Gifts

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supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.  
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory “Amazing Grace / Kum Ba Yah” Chancel Choir  
arr. Lon Beery and Sandra Berry Musser

## **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\*

**O God of scattered crumbs and shattered plans, come to our tables with  
your open hand and bless the hard questions we ask: How will we make  
it? What is enough? Sustain and fill us with your presence and bless the  
fragments we offer in love. Plant within us a song of jubilee even if it is a  
distant refrain. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn\*

“Jesu, Jesu”  
st. 3, 4, 5

UM Hymnal 432

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

3. These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)
4. Loving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we are slaves,  
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

Benediction\*

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

Postlude

Partita on Deo Gracia, 1. Maestros  
by Michael Burkhardt

Jan Kirchner

**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 13**

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**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)**

For children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. After Time with Children in worship, the teachers lead children to the classroom for a Bible story, a snack, and an activity.

**This Tuesday, October 15**

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**Community Tuesdays: Quick and Easy Card Games**

**Third Tuesdays at 1:00 pm (October 15, November 19, December 17)**

Pastor Nate invites you to learn new card games and teach him your favorites. Want an old-fashioned game of Hearts? Let's do it. Itching to relive a classic like Uno? We've got it. Want to learn new games to play with grandkids? Drop-in games are open to all church members. Come and teach Pastor Nate how to play cribbage this fall.

**Next Sunday, October 20**

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**Heritage Room Open House, following worship**

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.

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

After worship (10:40-11:00 am) participants will connect for around 20 mins with a guided check-in, a moment to pray, and a snack. **Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.**

**In-Person October Continues**

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**Sunday, October 27, following worship**

**170<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Paper Goods Drive—Now through Halloween**

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To celebrate our 170th birthday, we're collecting 170 packages of paper products for our ministry partners Agate Housing & Services, MN Council of Churches Refugee Services, and VEAP. Please bring baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, facial tissues, paper towels, and toilet paper to the church building on Sunday mornings or Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Check a number off the poster for every package you bring. Meet our goal and Pastor Nate's family will give an extra \$170 gift to the church.

**UWF Craft Fair: Saturday, November 2, 10:00 am—2:00 pm**

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Join us on Saturday November 2nd from 10am until 2pm. Get your holiday shopping done early and support local crafters and businesses. **If you or someone you know is interested in having a table please contact Rhonda Olson, [rhonda.s.olson@gmail.com](mailto:rhonda.s.olson@gmail.com) or Toni Locke at [toni@ggrreegg.com](mailto:toni@ggrreegg.com) or [612-840-9797](tel:612-840-9797).**

## Ongoing and Open

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

To join by Zoom, email Fern [wfalbertson@gmail.com](mailto:wfalbertson@gmail.com). The book for November 4, 2024 is Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. 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](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.

### **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):** September 22, 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, Ranelle Beardsley, Mandy Beardsley's mother, and Terry Bumgarner (no calls right now, thank you).

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 13, 2024

- 9:30 am Worship Service  
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:40 am Children's Sunday School
- 10:45 am In-Person October  
Class: Spiritual Practices with  
Rev. Martha Postlethwaite
- 4:00 pm Organ Concert

### Monday, October 14, 2024

- 7:00 pm Church and Society Meeting

### Tuesday, October 15, 2024

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Community Tuesdays:  
Quick and Easy Card Games

### Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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

### Thursday, October 17, 2024

### Friday, October 18, 2024

### Saturday, October 19, 2024

- 8:30 am Men's Group
- 10:00 am Heritage Society
- 10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

### Sunday, October 20, 2024

- 9:30 am Worship Service  
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 10:30 am In-Person October  
Heritage Room Open House
- 10:40 am Prayer Partners

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Brad Gardner, Sonja Gustafson, Jan Kirchner

Liturgists: Jamie Bordewick, Rev. Nate Melcher, We Mellgren, Becca Whitaker

Tech: Rev. Bill Johnson, 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 October 13 is Kate Currie.

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