



October 20, 2024 at 9:30 am
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Fields of Gold”
by Sting

Victor Zupanc

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

Bryan Nelson-Phelan

Breathe your Spirit into everyone gathered here
and into all who yearn for hope.

Strengthen us for lives of passionate justice and bold peacemaking,
fed and watered by your merciful presence.

We praise you for abundant mercy.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

1. I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

Centering Prayer

God who suffers, you are not unacquainted with pain and loss. By entering our sorrows in Jesus, you have shown us the way of self-giving love. Baptize us in the waters of your life, rooted in the cross and reaching forth to all, through Christ Jesus our 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

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.

Welcoming Our New Member Doris Townsend

To the Congregation: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Doris with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

To the Congregation: Members of the household of God, I commend Doris to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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

It's Me (Standin' in the Need of Prayer)
arr. C. Edward Thomas

Chancel Choir

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory."

Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared."

Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will

be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

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

Sermon "The Impossible Promise of Enough Humility"
"Enough" Worship Series 3 of 4 Rev. Nate Melcher

Witness of Faith Alicia Owens

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

*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 "For All the Children "
by David Lohman feat. Chancel Choir

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*

God of the Harvest, give plenty of food to the hungry and hunger for change to the well-fed. Meet us at these edges and help us glean your wisdom for making a world in which the bitter becomes pleasant, greed becomes grace, and we are all forever gathered to your side. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

“O Savior, Let Me Walk with Thee”
vs. 1, 2, and 4

UM Hymnal 430

1. O Savior, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Savior, let me live.

Benediction*

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

Postlude

Sonata No. 1
by Charles W. Ore

Sonja Gustafson

**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 20

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.**

Halloween Party, Saturday, October 26

Our Halloween Party is Saturday, October 26, from 2-4 pm and we expect 300 kids to take part! This year will be all indoors with mission partners in the commons, games and crafts in fellowship hall, and treat seeking in the sanctuary.

You can support the effort in several ways.

1. Donate candy or other treats to be shared.
2. Decorate a table and distribute treats in the sanctuary.
3. Help in fellowship hall with games and crafts.
4. Volunteer to be an area captain for the commons, sanctuary, or fellowship hall.
5. Spread the word! Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors, friends.

Contact Gail Johnson at gailjohnson417@gmail.com or 612-250-1736 with any questions or to sign up or go online: <https://tinyurl.com/rumcsignup>

Next 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.

Paper Goods Drive—Now through Halloween

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

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 or Toni Locke at toni@ggrreegg.com or [612-840-9797](tel:612-840-9797).**

Coffee with the Pastor

New Day: 9:00 am-12:00 pm, most Thursdays, Sign up: calendly.com/natemelcher
Pastor Nate is meeting with church members like you to check-in, reconnect, and pray. Sign up with the calendar link (if you cannot go online, please call the office) for a meeting at Starbucks (5351 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis). Your drink is on Pastor Nate.

Ongoing and Open

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

To join by Zoom, email Fern 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, 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 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, Rev. Marylee Fithian, Harvey Ehman, brother of Roxie Hillger, Mitzi Taylor, Don Morrow, John Darling, Michele Wegscheid and family, Phil Williams, 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 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

Monday, October 21, 2024

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

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

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Friday, October 25, 2024

Saturday, October 26, 2024

- 8:30 am Men's Group
- 10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group
- 2:00 pm Halloween Party

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Commitment Sunday

- 9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:40 pm Children's Sunday School
- 10:30 am In-Person October
170th Birthday Party with
Cake and Ice Cream

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Brad Gardner, Sonja Gustafson, Victor Zupanc, Chancel Choir

Liturgists: Rev. Nate Melcher, Bryan Nelson-Phelan, Alicia Owens

Tech: TY Moore, Dale Olson, 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 October 20 is Pat Norton.

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