



October 27, 2024 at 9:30 am  
Commitment Sunday



**Bold = in unison**

**\* Rise in body or spirit**

## ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Sing a Joyful Song”  
by Sally K. Albrecht

Chancel Choir

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship\*

Rev. Wayne Albertson

May God, ever near,  
**come close to us in these anxious times and bless our days.**  
May Christ give us faith that, even in suffering,  
**we are living through not an endless list of agonies**  
**but the birth pangs of a promised tomorrow.**  
May the Holy Spirit kindle the fire our hope amidst the gloom  
**and reveal the glory of the Risen One.**

1. Lord, you give the great commission:  
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service:  
“In my name baptize and teach.”  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
“I am with you to the end.”  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

### Centering Prayer

God of light, you grant us the gifts of insight and truth. God of darkness, you bless us with deep rest and your protective shadow. Guide our steps, that we may follow you bravely in all times and places, moving ever more in harmony with your love, through Christ our Savior. 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.*

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      “Standing on the Promises of God ”      Chancel Choir  
by R. Kelso Carter, arr. Mark Hayes

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading                                  Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!” Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, “Son of David, show me mercy!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him forward.”

They called the blind man, “Be encouraged! Get up! He’s calling you.”

Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

The blind man said, “Teacher, I want to see.”

Jesus said, “Go, your faith has healed you.” At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

Witness of Faith

Gail Johnson

## 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](http://richfieldumc.org/give) supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.  
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“Time After Time ”  
by Cindy Lauper

Victor Zupanc

## 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\*

Blessed are you, God of surprising grace. You call us to bold acts of kindness and brave gestures of solidarity. Receive and hallow these offerings of our time and treasure. Multiply these gifts so that your reign of plenty and peace may be known by all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn\*

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

UM Hymnal 173

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see;  
till they inward light impart,  
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

Benediction\*

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

Postlude

“Love Is In the Air”  
by 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, October 27, following worship

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**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. 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: This Saturday, November 2, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Shop a variety of craft items and get a start on your holiday shopping while supporting local businesses. Walker Jewelry will be there Saturday and Sunday morning. Tables are still available or if you want to donate items to the UWF please contact Rhonda Olson, [rhonda.s.olson@gmail.com](mailto:rhonda.s.olson@gmail.com) or Toni Locke, 612-840-9797 or [toni@ggrreegg.com](mailto:toni@ggrreegg.com)

## Next Sunday, November 3

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**Daylight saving time Ends** at 2:00 am on Sun., Nov. 3, when we "fall back" and gain an extra hour of sleep. Be sure to set your clocks back on Saturday night.

**All Saints Sunday:** We will honor our dear departed friends for All Saints Sunday. Prayerfully listen to the Roll Call of the Saints as the bell tolls in a peaceful moment of gratitude for the eternal love of God.

**Toddler Sunday School (Infants - Preschool)** 9:30-10:20 am: 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](mailto:bwhitaker@richfieldumc.org).

**Pub Theology:** First Sundays at 7:00 pm-8:00 pm (in-person only)  
Davanni's Pizza and Hoagies (6345 Penn Ave S, Richfield, MN 55423)

Next Gatherings: November 3, December 1

Pub Theology is a drop-in discussion about faith, God, and life over a tasty beverage. Be part of the informal atmosphere and talk with people of many generations about faith questions big and small. Arrive early to order a tasty beverage and/or dinner, then stay for spirited conversation. More info: <https://richfieldumc.org/pubtheology>

## Coffee with the Pastor: 9:00 am-12:00 pm, most Thursdays

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Sign up: [calendly.com/natemelcher](https://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.

## Begins in November: Winter Coat Drive

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Celebrate our 170<sup>th</sup> birthday with 170 winter coats! MN Council of Churches Refugee Services expect to welcome a total of 1,000 newly-arrived refugees to the area by the end of the year. Make sure children and adults (up to size XL) have a warm coat awaiting them. Bring your new or clean, gently-used coats to the donation depot by the main front doors all November long.

## 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 Nov. 4, 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 teachers lead children to the classroom for a Bible story, a snack, and an activity. **Fall 2024 (9:40 am-10:30 am):** Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 8, Dec. 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: For the marriage of Chloe Novak and James Owen in Middleton Wisconsin, on October 19, 2024. Chloe is the daughter of Richard and Linda Novak and grew up at RUMC.

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, and Phil Williams.

We pray for those who seek comfort: Paula Milani.

We pray for those who grieve: The family and friends of Terry Bumgarner who died on October 19. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2:00 pm with 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, 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

### Monday, October 28, 2024

- 5:00 pm Care Minister Meeting

### Tuesday, October 29, 2024

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, October 30, 2024

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

### Thursday, October 31, 2024

### Friday, November 01, 2024

- 6:30 pm Youth Service Lock-In

### Saturday, November 02, 2024

- 8:30 am Men's Group
- 10:00 am UWF Craft Sale and Walker  
Jewelry Sale
- 10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

### Sunday, November 03, 2024

#### *Daylight Saving Time Ends*

#### *All Saints Sunday*

- 9:00 am Walker Jewelry Sale
- 9:30 am Worship Service  
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Toddler Sunday School
- 1:00 pm Bumgarner Visitation
- 2:00 pm Terry Bumgarner Memorial  
Service
- 7:00 pm Pub Theology

### 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. Wayne Albertson, Rev. Nate Melcher, Becca Whitaker

Tech: Rev. Bill Johnson, Juan Nieves Lebrón, 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 27 is Merry Rendahl.

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