



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 3, 2024 at 9:30 am
All Saints Sunday



Bold = in unison

*** Rise in body or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude “At the Lamb’s High Feast” and “For All the Saints” Sonja Gustafson
by C. Ore

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship*

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

Who shall stand in this holy place?

We come, seeking the face of God.

Gathering Hymn* “Shall We Gather at the River”

UM Hymnal 723

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession

God of living hope, you have wept for love of your creation. Stand beside us when we weep and walk with us along the roads of grief. When we are held captive to greed, call us by name and set us free from the grip of death. On the last day, gather us together with all your saints to feast in freedom and joy in the company of Jesus Christ, our friend and Lord. Hear us in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

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.

Celebrating All Saints of the Church

Roll Call of the Saints

Herb Doty
Cynthia Knutson
Joyce Walls
Jane Parry
Betsy Petersen
Inez Gustafson
Winona Davis
Terry Bumgarner

Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ: give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

“For All the Saints”
vs. 1, 2, 5, and 6

UM Hymnal 711

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. *Refrain*

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Refrain*
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: *Refrain*

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 "Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord" (Ps. 95) Chancel Choir
by Steven Rickards

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:7-24

Sara Watne

When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. "When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don't take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give your seat to this other person.' Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, 'Friend, move up here to a better seat.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, "When you host a lunch or dinner, don't invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. And you will be blessed because they can't repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected."

When one of the dinner guests heard Jesus' remarks, he said to Jesus, "Happy are those who will feast in God's kingdom."

Jesus replied, "A certain man hosted a large dinner and invited many people. When it was time for the dinner to begin, he sent his servant to tell the invited guests, 'Come! The dinner is now ready.' One by one, they all began to make excuses. The first one told him, 'I bought a farm and must go and see it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I bought five teams of oxen, and I'm going to check on them. Please excuse me.' Another said,

‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ When he returned, the servant reported these excuses to his master. The master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go quickly to the city’s streets, the busy ones and the side streets, and bring the poor, crippled, blind, and lame.’ The servant said, ‘Master, your instructions have been followed and there is still room.’ The master said to the servant, ‘Go to the highways and back alleys and urge people to come in so that my house will be filled. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

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

Sermon

“The Gift of Holy Communion”
“Still Life” Worship Series 1 of 4

Rev. Nate Melcher

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UM Hymnal p. 18, setting B

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, **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**
God of power and might. **God of power and might.**
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.**
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, **hosanna,**
in the highest, **in the highest.**

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, **Christ has died,**
Christ is risen, **Christ is risen,**
Christ will come again! **Christ will come again.**

All honor and glory is your, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen, amen **Amen, amen**
amen **amen.**

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

“Let Us Be Bread”
by Thomas Porter

Chancel Choir

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

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*

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

UM Hymnal 614

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
4. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Benediction*

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

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in F Major
by J. S. Bach

**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, November 3

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 for a Bible story, a snack, and free play.

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: Nov. 3, Dec. 1 | Pub Theology is an informal, drop-in discussion about faith, God, and life over a tasty beverage. Arrive early to order a tasty beverage and/or dinner. More info: <https://richfieldumc.org/pubtheology>

All of November: Winter Coat Drive | drop off Sunday mornings or Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Celebrate our 170th 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. Ensure children & adults (up to size XL) have a warm coat. Bring your new or clean, gently-used coats to the donation area by the main entrance this month.

Agate Housing Supply Drive: Tues. Nov. 5—Thurs. Dec. 12 | drop off Sunday mornings or Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Help those displaced by the recent fire at the metro and neighboring apartments. Bring items to the donation area by the main entrance through Dec. 12. Items needed include Laundry baskets • Sponges • Dish soap • Laundry detergent • All-purpose cleaners and other cleaning supplies • Broom and dustpan • Garbage bags • Mop and floor cleaner • Shower towels • Cookware • T-shirts: adult sizes • Underwear: adult sizes • Pillows • Blankets • Full Sheet Sets • Air Mattresses with pumps • Shower curtains • Collapsible clothing hamper • Dryer sheets • Dishware • Utensils • Personal hygiene supplies • Fan • Air freshener. **For a full list pick up a flyer in the Commons Area.**

Youth Group (Grades 7-12) | 6:15–7:30 pm | Nov. 6, Dec. 4

On 1st Wednesdays, youth will have pizza, check-in and have an activity such as a card game, Jackbox games, Pub Theology with root beer floats, service projects, and more.

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

Program: I See That Differently! with speaker Jim Robinson
Tues., Nov. 12th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, with a social dessert time to follow the program
Cost: \$5.00 for in-person participants; payable the day of the event
RSVP by Sun., Nov. 10. Sign up in the Commons, call the church office (612-861-6086), or email kbergeland@richfieldumc.org **The Church Bus is Available:** Please call the church office (612-861-6086) by Wed., Nov. 6, to ride the church bus.
Join Jim Robinson in an engaging discussion on how to talk to our loved ones on any side of the political spectrum using radical non-judgment and deep listening. We will find ways to see the best in one another while speaking our truths. The election is over (we hope). Now let's come together.

Ongoing and Open

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

To join by Zoom, email Fern 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, 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 teachers lead children to the classroom for a Bible story, a snack, and an activity. **Fall 2024 (9:40 am-10:30 am):** 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.

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, and Michele Wegscheid and family.

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, 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

Monday, November 04, 2024

- 1:30 pm Women Who Read

Tuesday, November 05, 2024

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 06, 2024

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 6:15 pm Youth Group

Thursday, November 07, 2024

Friday, November 08, 2024

Saturday, November 09, 2024

- 8:30 am Men's Group
- 10:00 am Oak Hill Cemetery Annual Mtg
- 10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, November 10, 2024

- 9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
- 9:45 am Children's Sunday School

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Brad Gardner, Sonja Gustafson, Chancel Choir

Liturgists: Rev. Nate Melcher, Sara Watne, 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 November 3 is Gretta Thorson.

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