RICHFIELD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 10, 2026 at 9:30 am
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Bold = in unison *** Rise in body and/or spirit**

ENTRANCE

Prelude	Skye Song traditional	Dick Hensold, Victor Zupanc
Welcome		Rev. Nate Melcher

Gathering Hymn* "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UM Hymnal 64
verses 1, 2, and 5

1. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

4. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Centering Prayer / The Lord's Prayer* Doris Townsend

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.

Time with Children Becca Whitaker

Sharing the Peace

May the peace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

Please greet your neighbor here - & online - with mutual signs of peace.

Lighting Our Conflux Candles

You are invited to safely light a candle or lamp to celebrate
the moments this week when your life's journey met God's heart.

Celebration Music "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Chancel Choir
arr. Gwyneth Walker

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion (a typical day's wage), he sent them into his vineyard.

"Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I'll pay you whatever is right.' And they went.

"Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?'

"'Because nobody has hired us,' they replied.

"He responded, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.' When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 'These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.'

"But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn't I agree to pay you a denarion? Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I'm generous?' So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last."

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

Sermon "Who Is First, Who Is Last" Rev. Nate Melcher
"Scandal" Worship Series 3 of 5

A Mother's Day Prayer for All Women

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

Special Music	MacLean Currie Medley traditional	Dick Hensold, Victor Zupanc
Special Music	"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach, arr. H. Clough-Leighter	Chancel Choir
Special Music	"With a Voice of Singing" by Martin Shaw	Chancel Choir

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	"Your Way's Better" by Forrest Frank	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 / 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* "The Trees of the Field" TFWS Hymnal 2279

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field
will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field
will clap their hand, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field
will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

Benediction*

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

Postlude Sonata I, mvt. I
Charles W. Ore

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, May 10

Music Splash | Worship is filled with music this Mother's Day with the return of Music Splash! This is one of our biggest worship services of the year and it's all thanks to our amazing musicians, your generous giving, and the blessing of your presence, thank you!

Love Offering | May 7-31 with **special collection today, Sunday, May 10**
Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session. This year's Love Offering will benefit the following ministries: Midwest Mission *30% of the 2026 Love Offering;* Love Boldly Mental Health Ministries Grant for Minnesota Conference Churches *20% of the 2026 Love Offering;* The Endowment for Theological Education *20% of the 2026 Love Offering;* Minnesota Conference Emergency Response Fund *20% of 2026 Love Offering;* Volunteers in Mission Scholarships *10% of 2026 Love Offering*

Next Sunday, You can help make a difference!
Meal Kit Assembly after worship on May 17

Through Midwest Mission we will send tangible resources to make an intangible difference for people through hope and empowerment. Our first of two kit bashes will be after worship on Sunday, May 17 when we'll assemble Meal "Blessing Bag" Kits. Meal "Blessing Bag" kits are packed with protein and other nutrients. The kits will be shipped all over the world. Similar to meals you'd pack at Feed My Starving Children, we'll have a Meal Blessing Bags assembly line right here on the Richfield UMC campus. Our goal is to pack 320 meal kits of 1,920 servings.

Beginning Next Sunday
Buy Nothing School Supply Drive

May 17 through June 14 for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Bring your gently-used school supply donations to help children in Honduras and around the world.

Pentecost Sunday is May 24 | Wear Red!

The Pentecost story as told in Acts of the Apostles 2:1-47 is sometimes called the Church's birthday. The Holy Spirit was amongst the people like tongues of dancing fire. We'll move into red décor for the Sanctuary and you're encouraged to wear red as we gather for worship.

CYF End of the Year celebration at Feed My Starving Children on May 29!
All ages are invited to participate! RSVPs required see below.

This event is open to all families and students of the CYF program and adult members. Children under 6th grade must have a parent present the entire time to participate.
Two options to meet:
1. You can buy your own dinner and eat with fellow church members in the 6:00 pm hour at Chipotle (3324 Promenade Ave, Eagan, MN 55121).
2. You can then meet (or go directly to) for our 7:15 pm-8:45 pm volunteer shift at Feed My Starving Children (990 Lone Oak Rd #136, Eagan, MN 55121).
FMSC needs RSVPs, so please contact Becca at bwhitaker@richfieldumc.org in advance with how many from your household will work the shift.

Save the Date | Sunday, June 7

Personal Dignity Kit Assembly after worship
On Sunday, June 7 help assemble Personal Dignity Kits that are filled with hygiene goods and personal items for to help people after a disaster. Our goal is 100 PDKs.

Ongoing and Open

1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read
To join by Zoom, email Fern wfalbertson@gmail.com. Next meeting June 1, 2026. The book to read and discuss is The Queen of Dirt Island by Domal Ryan. 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.

Night Owl Bible Study | Wednesdays at 9:00 pm, through May 27
Online-Only by Zoom Meeting ID: 819 9039 0338 / Passcode: 5835 or call: (312) 626-6799. Busy days? Up late at night? This is the Bible study for you. Open to all.

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 worshiping in the Sanctuary:

The Nook - A space connected to the Sanctuary 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)** Second and fourth Sundays during worship time Following the Time with Children, children may go to Sunday School or stay in the sanctuary to worship. Children meet Sunday school teachers in the Nook.
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:

- People in need of a loving church home.
- Our church's journey toward vitality.
- The babies and toddlers who are cared for each weekday by CFC (Caring For Children, the early learning ministry at the church) and their families.

Our prayers are a beautiful expression of care and solidarity for each other.
We pray in celebration and gratitude.

We pray for those who seek healing: Laurel Lien, Agnes Danzl, Jim Vetsch, John Darling, Shar Salisbury, Bob Mills, Donis (Burt) Andrews (sister of Shari Burt), Marilyn Dodge, Pat Noonan, Christopher, brother of Michele Wegscheid, Eric, nephew of Lori Claussen, Ron Doncavage, Phyllis Killam, Nathan, son of Dorothy Holland, Phyllis Olson, Wes Mellgren, and Kathy Gertsema.

We pray for those who seek comfort: Paula Milani, Dorothy DeFreese, and Rev. Lynn Borgeson's brother, Dale.

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, May 10, 2026
Love Offering
Music Splash
9:30 am In-Person Worship Service (+Live streamed & archived)
9:40 Am Children's Sunday School

Monday, May 11, 2026

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:30 pm Chancel Choir End of Year Celebration
9:00 pm Night Owl Bible Study

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Friday, May 15, 2026

Saturday, May 16, 2026
8:30 am Men's Group
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, May 17, 2026
9:30 am In-Person Worship Service (+Live streamed & archived)
10:30 am Kit Bash: Meal "Blessing Bags" Kit Assembly

We thank those who help make this worship a ministry of grace:
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Staff: Rev. Nate Melcher, Kay Bergeland, Kathy Gertsema, Sonja Gustafson, Pat Noonan, Linda Schmidt, Becca Whitaker, Victor Zupanc
Musicians: Chancel Choir, Brad Gardner, Sonja Gustafson, Dick Hensold, Victor Zupanc
Liturgist today: Doris Townsend
Tech Crew today: Linda Blomsness, Rev. Bill Johnson, Bea Melcher, 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 May 10 is Mary Martha Butler.

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