RICHFIELD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 24, 2026 at 9:30 am
Pentecost Sunday

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

ENTRANCE

Prelude	"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" setting Edwin T. Childs	Sonja Gustafson
Welcome		Gail Johnson
Gathering Hymn*	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" verses 1, 5, and 7	UM Hymnal 57

1. **O for a thousand tongues to sing**
   my great Redeemer's praise,
   the glories of my God and King,
   the triumphs of his grace!

5. **He speaks, and listening to his voice,**
   new life the dead receive;
   the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
   the humble poor believe.

7. **In Christ, your head, you then shall know,**
   shall feel your sins forgiven;
   anticipate your heaven below,
   and own that love is heaven.

Centering Prayer / Breakthrough Prayer Wayne Johnson

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 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

"I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" UM Hymnal 333

1. **I'm goin' a sing when the Spirit says sing,**
   I'm goin' a sing when the Spirit says sing,
   I'm goin' a sing when the Spirit says sing,
   and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
2. **I'm goin' a pray when the Spirit says pray,**
   I'm goin' a pray when the Spirit says pray,
   I'm goin' a pray when the Spirit says pray,
   and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
3. **I'm goin' a moan when the Spirit says moan,**
   I'm goin' a moan when the Spirit says moan,
   I'm goin' a moan when the Spirit says moan,
   and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
4. **I'm goin' a shout when the Spirit says shout,**
   I'm goin' a shout when the Spirit says shout,
   I'm goin' a shout when the Spirit says shout,
   and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading Acts 2:37-47

Cut to the quick, those who were there listening asked Peter and the other apostles, "So now what do we do?"

Peter said, "Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away—whomever, in fact, our Master God invites."

He went on in this vein for a long time, urging them over and over, "Get out while you can; get out of this sick and stupid culture!"

That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

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Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met.

They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

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

Sermon "So what do we do now?" Gail Johnson
Lay Leader

Responsive Hymn "We Are the Church" UM Hymnal 558, vs. 1, 5

Refrain:
I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

1. **The church is not a building,**
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people. (Refrain)

5. **At Pentecost some people**
received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News through the world
to all who would hear it. (Refrain)

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 "Spirit of God" TFWS Hymnal 2117
verses 1, 2, and 5

1. **Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,**
   blow as you always do; create us anew.
   Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
   held in your hands, borne on your wings.
   Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
2. **Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,**
   healing upon your wings for all living things.
   For when we live your peace, captives will find release,
   held in your hands, borne on your wings.
   Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
5. **Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call,**
   the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.
   Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
   held in your hands, borne on your wings.
   Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

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 / 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.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn* "O Spirit of the Living God" UM Hymnal 539
verses 1 and 4

1. **O Spirit of the living God,**
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

4. **So shall we know the power of Christ**
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!

Benediction*

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

Postlude "Smile" Victor Zupanc
by Charlie Chaplin

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 24

Thanks for wearing red for Pentecost Sunday
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.

The Buy Nothing School Supply Drive | Now through June 14
Through June 14, we are partnering with Midwest Mission to collect gently used school supplies for students in Honduras who don't have access to basic materials. Our goal is to keep usable supplies out of landfills and put them into the hands of students who truly need them.
The needed items that are gently used and in good condition include:

- Notebooks (remove used pages)
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Folders
- Scissors
- Colored Pencils
- Erasers
- Pens
- Rulers

A full list is posted by the donation bins on the racks just inside the main doors of the church. Please do not donate 3-ring binders.

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.

Sunday, June 7 | You can help make a difference!

Personal Dignity Kit Assembly after worship
Through Midwest Mission we will send tangible resources to make an intangible difference for people through hope and empowerment. Our second of two kit bashes will be after worship on Sunday, June 7 help assemble Personal Dignity Kits that are filled with hygiene goods and personal items for those facing an upside-down life after a disaster. Our goal is 100 PDKs.

Potluck & Semi-Annual Meeting / Church Conference
June 14 10:45 am-11:45 am, Fellowship Hall

Following worship, you are invited to a potluck lunch and church conference for the purpose of voting on new elected leaders and receiving reports.

Rainbow Sunday (and Milestones & Miracles) Is June 28 – Wear Bright Colors!

God designs by diversity and we give thanks for God's expansive love for all people. You're encouraged to wear bright colors, bold patterns, and/or many colors as we gather for worship. It's also Milestones & Miracles Sunday and we want to celebrate the recent milestones in your life. All who have recently had a birthday, anniversary, retirement, new job, or other life event worth celebrating will be invited to share their news in worship and we will celebrate with you!

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)** September –May
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, Marilyn Dodge, Pat Noonan, Christopher, brother of Michele Wegscheid, Eric, nephew of Lori Claussen, Ron Doncavage, Phyllis Killam, Nathan, son of Dorothy Holland, Wes Mellgren, Kathy Gertsema, and Dorothy Holland.

We pray for those who seek comfort: Paula Milani, Dorothy DeFreese, and Phyllis Olson.

We pray for those who grieve:

- Rev. Lynn Borgeson and family in the death of her brother, Dale. Service arrangements are pending

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 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday
9:30 am In-Person Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)

Monday, May 25, 2026
Campus Closed: Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26, 2026
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 27, 2026
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 pm Night Owl Bible Study

Thursday, May 28, 2026

Friday, May 29, 2026
6:00 pm CYF End of Year: Fellowship Time, Meal at Chipotle
7:15 pm CYF End of Year: Feed My Starving Children

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

Sunday, May 31, 2026
9:30 am In-Person Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)

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: Sonja Gustafson, Victor Zupanc
Liturgist today: Gail Johnson, Wayne Johnson
Tech Crew today: Linda Blomsness, Steve Warner, 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 May 24 is Merry Rendahl.

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