RICHFIELD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**June 14, 2026 at 9:30 am**
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

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

## ENTRANCE

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| Prelude | "I'll Be Seeing You"<br>Sammy Fain | Xavier Johnson Ryan<br>Groth Scholarship Recipient |
| Welcome | | Rev. Nate Melcher |

Call to Worship* Doris Townsend

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
**Your glory shines from below and grows from above.**
You bring wisdom from the youngest and most vulnerable of us.
**You call forth delight in those who live both long and deep.**
We look to your creation and find you everywhere.
**We see you in the moon and the stars.**
**O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Gathering Hymn* "Go, Make of All Disciples" UM Hymnal 571
verses 1 and 4

1. **"Go, make of all disciples."**
**We hear the call, O Lord,**
**that comes from thee, Creator,**
**in thy eternal Word.**
**Inspire our ways of learning**
**through earnest, fervent prayer,**
**and let our daily living**
**reveal thee everywhere.**

4. **"Go, make of all disciples."**
**We welcome thy command.**
**"Lo, I am with you always."**
**We take thy guiding hand.**
**The task looms large before us;**
**we follow without fear;**
**in heaven and earth thy power**
**shall bring God's kingdom here.**

Centering Prayer

**Holy One, you journey with us through the darkest valley. You lead us up to the highest mountaintop. For this, and for every step in-between, we praise you with gratitude. Show us how to be disciples of Jesus. Teach us how to share your commandments of kindness and generosity with our neighbors. Reveal your justice and mercy throughout the world. 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 — 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 — "Rise Up" by Andra Day — Victor Zupanc

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading — Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Living Word of God. Living in the people of God.
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon — "What is the State of the Church?" "So Many Questions" Worship Series 2 of 14 — Rev. Nate Melcher

Responsive Hymn — "What Does the Lord Require of You" — TFWS Hymnal 2174

**What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?** 2x
**Justice, kindness, walk humbly with God.** 2x
**To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with God.** 2x

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

Offertory "You've Got a Friend" by Carole King

## 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*

**Almighty God, we gather in the name of the one to whom all authority is given – Jesus Christ. As we offer you this money, you ask us to renew our commitment to be your faith-filled disciples. May our lifestyles reflect a desire to be in mission for others. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

# SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn* "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS Hymnal 2223
verses 1, 2, and 3

1. **We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,**
   **we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,**
   **and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**
   **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;**
   **yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

2. **We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,**
   **we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,**
   **and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:**
   **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;**
   **yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

3. **We will work with each other, we will work side by side,**
   **we will work with each other, we will work side by side,**
   **and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:**
   **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;**
   **yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Benediction*

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

Postlude "Skylark" Xavier Johnson Ryan
Hoagy Carmichael

**Worship is over. Service begins.**
**Go forth as Richfield United Methodist Church.**

**Welcome Groth Scholarship Recipient, Xavier Johnson Ryan**
Xavier graduated from St. Paul Central Senior High School. He will be attending Schulich School of Music at McGill University in Montreal to study jazz music. Xavier is interested in teaching jazz and honing his skills in improvisation.

**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, June 14, 2026

**Church Conference and Potluck**
Please remain in the Sanctuary for a brief church conference to elect new leaders and receive reports immediately after worship, followed by a potluck in Fellowship Hall. As the potluck winds down, we appreciate anyone who can please help load our service project kits into Pastor Nate's vehicle to take to Annual Conference and/or take down tables in Fellowship Hall to reset the space for Love Conquers All Church to hold their worship service, thank you.

**The Buy Nothing School Supply Drive | Today is the Final Day of this Drive!**
Collecting gently used school supplies for students in Honduras. Let's put school supplies into the hands of students who need them. Thanks for your donations.

## Minnesota Annual Conference

The 172nd session of the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church on June 16-18 and you can livestream it free online at facebook.com/minnesotaumc https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaUMC. You do not need a Facebook account to livestream. The schedule of worship, workshops, and plenary sessions is available online: minnesotaumc.org/2026conferenceschedule. You're especially encouraged to worship on Tuesday, June 16 at 1:30 pm-2:15 pm when we honor clergy and clergy spouses who died this year, including our own Rev. Marylee Fithian. Our delegates this year are Rev. Nate Melcher and Jen Pacyga.

## 2026 "So Many Questions" Worship Series Continues

Pastor Nate's summer sermons are based on your questions about God, faith, church, the Bible, and life. Below are some upcoming questions and dates. Please let your friends know this is a church where questions are welcome.
June 21 How do I listen to God? June 28 Which spiritual practice is right for me?
July 5 Why should I love my enemies? July 12 Who's gonna clean up this mess?!

## 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 live event worth celebrating will be invited to share their news in worship and we will celebrate with you!

## Special Music in Worship this Summer

The Chester E. and Marion D. Groth Scholarship for 2026-2027 were awarded this spring and the talented student recipients will be sharing their gifts in worship. During worship this summer we welcome the following scholarship recipients:

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| June 21 Luisa Maruyama, flute | June 28 Luke Baker-Trinity, violin |
| July 19 Jerusha Carmichael Burdette, voice | July 26 Rebecca Hall, violin |
| August 2 Gabriella Chau, voice | August 9 Kalina Lee, oboe |

## Worship at the Lake Harriet Bandshell on July 12 at 10:00 am (note special time)

Bring a friend or neighbor and get closer to God in this beautiful outdoor setting.
Music provided by the Living Waters Band – guaranteed songs you will know!
There are benches or you can bring your lawn chair or blanket.
There is no worship on campus this day; there will be a special worship reprise online at our regular 9:30 am time.

## Ongoing and Open

**1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read**
**Note: the July date is the second Monday due to the Independence Day holiday.**
To join by Zoom, email Fern wfalbertson@gmail.com.
The next meeting is **July 13, 2026.** The book to read and discuss is The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar. 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 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: Pat Robertson, Sally Knutson, Nick Olson, Kathy Gertsema, Wes Mellgren, Nathan, son of Dorothy Holland, Phyllis Killam, Ron Doncavage, Eric, nephew of Lori Claussen, Christopher, brother of Michele Wegscheid, Pat Noonan, Marilyn Dodge, Bob Mills, Shar Salisbury, John Darling, Jim Vetsch, Agnes Danzl, and Laurel Lien.

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

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, June 14, 2026**
9:30 am In-Person Worship Service (+Live streamed & archived)
10:35 am Semi-Annual Meeting/Church Conference
10:50 am Potluck

**Monday, June 15, 2026**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026**
9:00 am Men's Bible Study

**Thursday, June 18, 2026**

**Friday, June 19, 2026**
*Campus Closed: Juneteenth*

**Saturday, June 20, 2026**
8:30 am Men's Group
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

**Sunday, June 21, 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: Xavier Johnson Ryan, Victor Zupanc
Liturgist today: Doris Townsend
Tech Crew today: 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 June 14 is Mary Martha Butler.

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