RICHFIELD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 21, 2026 at 9:30 am
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

ENTRANCE

Prelude — Sicilienne, Gabriel Fauré — Luisa Maruyama, Groth Scholarship Recipient

Welcome — Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship* — Kate Currie

Every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess.
Not out of obligation, but from outright joy.
May the riches of your glory strengthen us all.
May the Holy Spirit bring abundant glory to all.
Jesus dwells in our hearts through faith.
Root us and ground us in love.

Gathering Hymn* "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UM Hymnal 420
verses 1, 2, and 4

1. **Breathe on me, Breath of God,**
   fill me with life anew,
   that I may love what thou dost love,
   and do what thou wouldst do.

2. **Breathe on me, Breath of God,**
   until my heart is pure,
   until with thee I will one will,
   to do and to endure.

4. **Breathe on me, Breath of God,**
   so shall I never die,
   but live with thee the perfect life
   of thine eternity.

Centering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we come before you in cheer and humility, in longing and hope. You know the full depths of our hearts in ways that give us comfort and strength. You lead us to wonder, to connect our hearts and minds. May your love that surpasses all understanding sustain us, empower us, and ignite us. 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 "Come Sunday" by Duke Ellington — Victor Zupanc

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:13-21

So then, I ask you not to become discouraged by what I'm suffering for you, which is your glory.

This is why I kneel before God. Every ethnic group in heaven or on earth is recognized by him. I ask that he will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of his glory through the Spirit. I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God.

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.

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

Sermon "How do I listen to God?" Rev. Nate Melcher
"So Many Questions" Worship Series 3 of 14

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

A Father's Day Prayer for All Men

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

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 "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You" by Frankie Valli

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!

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* "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UM Hymnal 196
verses 1 and 2

1. **Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;**
   from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
   Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
   dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2. **Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,**
   born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
   By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
   by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Benediction*

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

Postlude Polonaise from *Suite in B Minor* Luisa Maruyama
J. S. Bach, arr. Henry Altès

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

Welcome Groth Scholarship Recipient, Luisa Maruyana
Luisa Maruyama graduated from White Bear Lake Area High School. She has learned to play flute, piano, and a variety of other instruments in preparation to major in Music Education at Concordia College-Moorhead. Luisa hopes to be a band director, building on her experience as a drum major and rehearsal assistant.

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

"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. Upcoming questions:

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?!
July 19 What do I do with violence in the Bible?

Next Sunday, June 28
Rainbow Sunday (and Milestones & Miracles) - 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:

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.

The Woven Sleeping Mats Ministry—Please hold bag donations for now.

In collaboration with Midwest Mission we are making Plarn Sleeping Mats. Plarn is plastic yarn made out of plastic grocery bags. The Sleeping Mats are sent internationally and locally. They are great for those who need a barrier between them and the hard ground. They have been sent for disaster relief, for the homeless, and for those who need temporary sleeping arrangements.

Coffee with the Pastor

Sign up: calendly.com/natemelcher
Pastor Nate is meeting with church members like you to catch-up, reconnect, and pray. Sign up with the calendar link (if you cannot go online, please call the office) for a meeting at the church campus. Let's have a great cup of coffee and connect!

Ongoing and Open

1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read
Note date change for the July meeting to the second Monday.
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.
  There will be a remembrance gathering on Saturday, June 27 in the Heritage Room from 1:30—3:30 pm.

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 21, 2026
9:30 am In-Person Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)

Monday, June 22, 2026

Tuesday, June 23, 2026
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, June 24, 2026
9:00 am Men's Bible Study

Thursday, June 25, 2026

Friday, June 26, 2026

Saturday, June 27, 2026
8:30 am Men's Group
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group
1:30-3:30 pm Dale Borgeson
Remembrance Gathering

Sunday, June 28, 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: Luisa Maruyama, Victor Zupanc
Liturgist today: Kate Currie, Rev. Nate Melcher, Becca Whitaker
Tech Crew today: Rev. Bill Johnson, Bea Melcher, 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 June 21 is Gretta Thorson.

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