RICHFIELD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 12, 2025 Online-Only Worship
Reprise of August 18, 2024 Worship (Selections)

ENTRANCE

Welcome / Lighting Our Conflux Candles — Rev. Nate Melcher

Gathering Hymn — "Be Thou My Vision" — UM Hymnal 451

1. **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;**
   naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
   Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
   waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;**
   I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
   thou and thou only, first in my heart,
   great God of heaven, my treasure that art.

3. **Great God of heaven, my victory won,**
   may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
   Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
   still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Time with Children

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading Mark 9:33-37

Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

Sermon "Is God a Swiftie?" Rev. Nate Melcher
Rev. Wayne Albertson
Rev. Bill Johnson

THANKSGIVING

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.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn "Bread of the World" UM Hymnal 624

1. **Bread of the world in mercy broken,**
   wine of the soul in mercy shed,
   by whom the words of life were spoken,
   and in whose death our sins are dead:
2. **Look on the heart by sorrow broken,**
   look on the tears by sinners shed;
   and be thy feast to us the token
   that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Benediction

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

Postlude "I Am A Rock" Victor Zupanc
by Paul Simon

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

Summer Worship Series: "SO MANY QUESTIONS" Continues Next Sunday
Hybrid: In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online at 9:30 am
5835 Lyndale Ave. S., Mpls | richfieldumc.org

This popular series based on your submitted questions about God, faith, church, the Bible, and life continues all summer long. The remaining "So Many Questions" topics are:

July 19 What do I do with violence in the Bible?
July 26 How can I find joy in the midst of despair?
August 2 Will God forgive me?
August 9 What do I do with the supernatural parts of the Bible?
August 16 How do I know if God answers my prayers?
August 23 What if I feel like a failure?
August 30 What is deconstruction and reconstruction of faith?
September 6 Where do I learn about God?

Mission Project Sewing
Friday, July 24, from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Join this summer in helping others through sewing mission projects. This special evening brings together mission-minded sewers to create some of the most needed hand-sewn items that go directly into Midwest Mission. With instruction, participants will cut materials for and sew Feminine Hygiene Pads and one-handled cloth bags. Whether you're experienced or not, there's a job for you. Come with your desire to help others and enjoy this opportunity to sew together in fellowship with others. Light snacks provided.

Music For Justice Concert: Grace Weitzel, Violinist
July 30 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Groth Scholar Grace Weitzel shares her musical gifts on the violin for this excellent recital open to the public. She'll offer several powerful pieces, including Violin Concerto in d minor op. 47 by Jean Sibelius and "Estrellita" by Manuel Ponce (arranged by Heifetz). A freewill offering supports immigrant neighbor relief and local mutual aid causes. Please save the date, bring a friend, and enjoy amazing music that supports your neighbors in a time of need.

Coffee with the Pastor | Sign up all summer: calendly.com/natemelcher

Meet with Pastor Nate to catch-up, reconnect, and pray. Sign up with the calendar link (if you cannot go online, please call the office, 612-861-6086) for a meeting at the church campus throughout the summer. Let's have a great cup of coffee and connect!

Craft and Vendor Fair

Saturday November 7, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you have crafts that you would like to donate we will start collecting them in October. If you or someone you know is interested in a table please let us know. For more information on donating items or getting a table please contact Toni Locke at 612-840-9797 or email toni@ggrreegg.com or Rhonda Olson email rhonda.s.olson@gmail.com

Ongoing and Open Groups

1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read
Note: the July & September 2026 meetings are on the second Mondays.
If you are a woman who enjoys good books and thoughtful discussion, then consider joining fellow readers for Women Who Read. To join by Zoom, email Fern wfalbertson@gmail.com. The next meetings and books to discuss are:
July 13, The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar
August 3, The Guncle Abroad by Steven Rowley
September 14, Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure by Rhys Bowen

To get connected, contact the person listed for the group of interest.
Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study Contact Molly, mollyreko@comcast.net,
Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study Contact Kent, kentjmn@gmail.com
Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group Contact Kent, kentjmn@gmail.com

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: Caroline Riley, Nick Olson, 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: Mark Bosch, SuzAnn Tarvin, Phyllis Olson, Dorothy DeFreese, and Paula Milani.
We pray for those who grieve. We pray for our neighbors and the RUMC community.
Please call the church office to be included in any of the prayers of our church.

We thank those who help make this worship a ministry of grace:
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation; Musicians: Victor Zupanc
Liturgists: Rev. Wayne Albertson, Rev. Bill Johnson, Rev. Nate Melcher

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 support in times. The Parish Minister for the week of July 12 is Pat Norton.

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