Mark Bosch

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A Celebration of Life

July 25, 2026

Richfield United Methodist Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Prelude "All That I Have Sown" Victor Zupanc
by Bebo Norman

Words of Grace and Greeting Rev. Nate Melcher

Gathering Hymn "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" UM Hymnal 344
verses 1-2, and 4

1. **Lord, you have come to the lakeshore**
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain: **O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,**
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

2. **You know so well my possessions;**
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor. [Refrain]

4. **You, who have fished other oceans,**
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. [Refrain]

Centering 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.

Reading *Notes from (Over) the Edge*
by Jim Palmer, excerpt

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading John 14:1-4

"Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Creator's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I'm going."

Scripture Reading 1 John 3:16-24

This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. But if someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help—how can the love of God dwell in a person like that?

Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth. This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

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

Meditation Rev. Nate Melcher

Witness Rev. Wayne Albertson

Solo "Keep Me in Your Heart"
by Warren Zevon

Prayer of Commendation

Sending Hymn "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life"
by Eric Idle

Congregation, please join in singing the chorus

Some things in life are bad, They can really make you mad, Other things just make you swear and curse, When you're chewing life's gristle, Don't grumble, Give a whistle And this'll help things turn out for the best. And...

Always look on the bright side of life. [*whistle*]
Always look on the light side of life. [*whistle*]

If life seems jolly rotten, There's something you've forgotten, And that's to laugh and smile and dance and sing. When you're feeling in the dumps, Don't be silly chumps. Just purse your lips and whistle. That's the thing. And...

Always look on the bright side of life. [*whistle*]
Always look on the right side of life, [*whistle*]

For life is quite absurd And death's the final word. You must always face the curtain with a bow. Forget about your sin-give the audience a grin. Enjoy it. It's your last chance, anyhow. So,…

Always look on the bright side of death, [*whistle*]
Just before you draw your terminal breath. [*whistle*]

Life's a piece of *hmm*, When you look at it. Life's a laugh and death's a joke it's true. You'll see it's all a show. Keep 'em laughing as you go.
Just remember that the last laugh is on you. And...

Always look on the bright side of life.
Always look on the right side of life. [*whistle*]

Always look on the bright side of life! [*whistle*]
Always look on the bright side of life! [whistle]

Benediction

Postlude "What a Wonderful World"
by Theile and Weiss

Thank you for gathering today to celebrate
and remember our dear friend, Mark.
The family expresses their heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and support.
You are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following the service.

Mark generously donated his body to the University of Minnesota Medical School's Anatomy Bequest Program. His gift helps others by supporting high quality education for future health professionals and continued advancements in medical care through research.

Memorials are preferred to Richfield United Methodist Church.

This Celebration of Life is archived online at youtube.com/richfieldumc.

We thank those who help make worship a ministry of grace:
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Musician: Victor Zupanc
Liturgists: Rev. Wayne Albertson, Rev. Nate Melcher
Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, TY Moore

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