RICHFIELD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 11, 2026 at 9:30 am
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

ENTRANCE

Prelude	"You Are So Beautiful" by Billy Preston	Victor Zupanc
Welcome		Rev. Nate Melcher

Gathering Hymn* "Abide with Me" UM Hymnal 700
verses 1, 2, and 4

1. **Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;**
   the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
   When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
   Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. **Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;**
   earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
   change and decay in all around I see;
   O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
4. **I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;**
   ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
   Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
   I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

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.

Time with Children and the Blessing of the Bibles Becca Whitaker

Parents and guardians, receive this Bible and pass it with love to these children.
Together, may you learn its stories and study its words and see the lives of our family in its artwork.

Children and teens, take these Bibles and know that these stories are your stories, too.
The Word of God is a lamp for your feet and it lights your path as you grow.

Let us pray… and grow in our love of you through the Word.
May we all remember, receive, and share the story with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Bless these Bibles and all who use them in finding their place in the story. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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.

Celebrating God's Mission Prayer for our Mission Trip Team

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 "Here I Am, Lord" Chancel Choir
Dan Schutte, arr. Mark Hayes

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11, 27-32 Brennan Currie

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others reclining at the table with them. The Pharisees and

their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "God is for us" Rev. Nate Melcher
"God's Mission, God's People" Worship Series 2 of 4

Sharing Our Stories Gail Johnson

Responsive Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" v. 2, UM Hymnal 117

2. **Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;**
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Thanking God's People Finance and Office Volunteers

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

Sharing Our Gifts *Your gift in-person, by mail, or online at richfieldumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church. Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory "Rise Up"
by Andra Day

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/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.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn* "I Love to Tell the Story" UM Hymnal 156
verses 1, 3, and 4

1. **I love to tell the story of unseen things above,**
   of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
   I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
   it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

3. **I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat**
   what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
   I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
   the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)

4. **I love to tell the story, for those who know it best**
   seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
   And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
   'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

Benediction*

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

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in F Major Sonja Gustafson
by J. S. Bach

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.

Announcements

Today, Sunday, October 11

2027 Stewardship packets are available today for pickup in the Commons Area. Members of the Administrative Board will greet and assist you. Any packets not picked up today will be mailed this week.

Bible Sunday Thanks to anyone who brought their favorite Bible in support of those receiving theirs today.

Homecoming Sunday You may notice that some congregants followed the encouragement to wear something that represents their school colors today. Thanks for having a little fun and celebrating Homecoming Sunday.

Sunday School (Grades K-6) 2nd & 4th Sundays during worship time. After the Time with Children, children may go to Sunday School or stay in the sanctuary to worship.

Confirmation Class at 10:45 am in the Grace Room

Time For LIFE | Tuesday, October 13, program from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, with dessert to follow **The October program is America 250** with speaker Doug Ohman. Cost: $10.00 for program and dessert. **Please RSVP by signing up in the Commons or call the church office by Sunday, October 11.** We welcome back one of our favorite speakers, Doug Ohman. Come and enjoy an historic journey with Doug as he shares stories and photos that help tell the amazing tale of America's birth. Doug will focus on the men and women who were the visionaries for our great country in its earliest beginnings. The rich story of America will entertain and inspire each of us and help us appreciate the country we call home. Doug has spent the last 30 years uncovering and bringing our nation's long and varied history to life in a fun and casual style. Doug has deep Minnesota roots and shares over 300 presentations every year. He has authored 16 books and has been a PBS TV host for 7 documentaries.

Charge Conference Scheduled
There is a Charge Conference at Hillcrest UMC (9100 Russell Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55431) on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm to approve clergy compensation for 2027. Ad Board members have voice and vote. Church members may attend and per Annual Conference instructions should please RSVP with Pastor Nate (nmelcher@richfieldumc.org, 612-861-6086) in advance, thank you.

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

Coffee with the Pastor
Sign up at 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. Let's have a great cup of coffee and connect!

Ongoing and Open

1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read
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 meeting and book to discuss is:
November 2, The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick

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.

Thursdays, 9:00 pm | Night Owl Bible Study
Online-Only by Zoom Meeting ID: 819 9039 0338/Passcode: 5835 or call: (312) 626-6799
Read and discuss the worship scripture readings with fellow night owls. No experience necessary. Come for a welcoming, drop-in experience to go deeper in your faith and make new connections. More information: richfieldumc.org/biblestudy

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!

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 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-5)** 2nd & 4th Sundays during worship time Following the Time with Children, children may go to Sunday School or stay in the sanctuary to worship. Children meet Sunday school teachers in the Nook.
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: Kirsten Klosinski, Pat Noonan, Pat Robertson, Caroline Riley, Nathan, son of Dorothy Holland, Eric, nephew of Lori Claussen, Marilyn Dodge, Bob Mills, Shar Salisbury, John Darling, Jim Vetsch, Agnes Danzl, and Laurel Lien.

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

We pray for those who grieve.

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, October 11, 2026
Homecoming Sunday
Bible Sunday
9:30 am In-Person Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:40 am Children's Sunday School
10:45 am Confirmation Class

Monday, October 12, 2026
5:00 pm Parish Companion Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
1:00 pm Time for LIFE

Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Mission Trip to Midwest Distribution in Iowa through Friday
9:00 am Men's Bible Study

Thursday, October 15, 2026
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:00 pm Night Owl Bible Study

Friday, October 16, 2026

Saturday, October 17, 2026
8:30 am Men's Group
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, October 18, 2026
9:30 am In-Person Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)

Note: The church office will be closed on Tuesday, Oct. 20, Wednesday, Oct. 21, and Thursday, Oct. 22.

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 October 11 is Mary Martha Butler.

We thank those who help make this worship a ministry of grace:
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Staff: Rev. Nate Melcher, Kay Bergeland, Sonja Gustafson, Josh Neuenschwander, Pat Noonan, Linda Schmidt, Becca Whitaker, Victor Zupanc
Tech Crew today: Linda Blomsness, Bea Melcher, Michele Wegscheid

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