

Richland Center United Methodist Church
A Community of Faith
6th Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024



INTROIT

GREETING

Good morning! Welcome to this United Methodist Church for our special Sunday morning time of Worship, Blessing, Reaffirmation, Celebration and Joyful Fellowship with each other.

Pastor: This is a day that the Lord has made...

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *What Gift Can We Bring* 87

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 3:9-13, 16-17 (NIV)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER IN SONG

Surely The Presence of the Lord 328

**BLESSING THE RICHLAND CENTER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastor: Dear friends, as we gather together in the presence of God, in this house of worship, by what name shall this place and this community of faith be known?

People: With loving remembrances of other names and other places we have known, we are now the Richland Center United Methodist Church.

Pastor: Let us rejoice that God so moved our hearts that we have come together as one and have been remade.

People: Let us now rededicate this church, as we

rededicate our lives, to following Christ, to loving God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength, and to loving our neighbors as ourselves.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor: Eternal One, God of every time and every place, you have promised that whenever we gather together in your name, you will be here with us.

People: We joyfully welcome you here with us today and celebrate your life-giving and life-transforming presence in our lives.

Pastor: By the power of your Spirit, pour your blessing upon this congregation. Bless and sanctify what we do here so that this will be a place where everyone feels safe, valued, and held prayerfully in dignity and compassion.

People: Guide and empower us as we sing your praises, proclaim your word, celebrate the sacraments, and nurture one another in faith. Let the miraculous light of Christ shine through us and out beyond these walls into the darkened world.

Pastor: And it is in his bright and beautiful name we pray.

All: Amen.

MINI-MESSAGE (For children of all ages)

SPECIAL MUSIC **Seek Ye First**

Duet: Rosanne Knower and Connie Frye

REMEMBERING BAPTISM

On behalf of the whole church, I ask: Do we as a community of faith renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of our sin?

We do.

Do we acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Savior and, putting our trust in him, pledge to serve him in union with his church that is open to all people everywhere?

We do.

Will we nurture one another in the faithful discipleship, living as Christ's representatives in the world.

With God's help, and in the name of Christ, we will.

***HYMN**

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry 2051
Faith We Sing Hymnal

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **UMH 885**

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

REAFFIRMING MEMBERSHIP

As members of this, the Richland Center United Methodist Church, will you faithfully participate in its ministries with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

May God add his blessing to these declarations of our faith and commitment this morning. May we continue to be empowered, supported, and strengthened in all we do in Jesus name. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Because You Are God's Chosen Ones *Choir*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church celebrates an open communion. All who wish to receive the gift of the sacrament are welcome to participate.

Invitation

Confession

Passing the Peace

Offering

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (pg. 13)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

(Please hold the elements until all are served and we will all partake together)

Unison Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN *Hymn of Promise* 707

*BENEDICTION

Hymn Leaders: Rosanne Knower, Connie Frye,
Kathy Schwinefus, David Brock

Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Scripture Reader: Juliette Hall

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May Birthdays			May Anniversaires		
Chris Storer	5/1	Millie Koehn 5/17	Leonard & Connie Frye	5/16	
Betty Boeing	5/3	Gabriel Tjossem 5/17	Gregg & Deanna Gochenaur	5/18	
Jill Sommer	5/3	Gavin Tjossem 5/17	Tim & Michelle Woodman	5/23	
Carolyn Freeman	5/4	Hadlee Jo Wilmot 5/18			
Barb Shannon	5/4	Dave Foley 5/20			
Eiko Subera	5/12	Al Marshall 5/23			
Chris Shannon	5/14	Peg Moser (102) 5/26			
Nicholas Hodge	5/16	Katherine Hall 5/27			
Mandy Brewer	5/17	Gregg Gochenaur 5/29			

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THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PRAISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Surely the Presence of the Lord 328

The image shows a page from a hymnal with musical notation for the hymn 'Surely the Presence of the Lord'. The score is in G major, 3/4 time, and consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace. I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.' The chords indicated above the notes are D, F#m, Gmaj9, Em, A7, D, G/D, F#m, Gmaj9, Em, A7, Em7, A7, D.

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MUSIC: Lanny Wolfe, 1977
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Prayer: O God, give me the wisdom to follow in the paths of righteousness. Amen.

This Week's Events:

- 05 **Worship Service; 10:00 a.m.**
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
- 06 PEO: 5:00 p.m. - Library
- 07 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
Choir Practice: 6:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
- 08 Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.
- 09 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library

Upcoming Events:

- 12 Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
Mother's Day
- 13 Trustees Mtg: 4:00 p.m. – Library
- 14 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
Mission's Mtg: 4:30 p.m. – Library
Choir Practice: 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Thrift Shop Workers: 1:00 p.m. – Thrift Shop
Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.
- 16 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST

Many thanks to those who provided our
luncheon today.



General Announcements

**Ingathering 2024:
Items needed for the
kits must be new**



- 1 hand towel – no kitchen towels
 - 1 washcloth – no dishcloths
 - 1 toothbrush – no multipacks
 - 1 bar soap – 3 to 4 oz
 - 1 shampoo – 12 to 19 oz
 - 1 deodorant – 2 to 3 Oz (stick, roll-on or pump)
 - 1 lotion – 8 to 10 oz
 - 1 1-gallon resealable plastic bag – furnished by Richland Center UMC
- \$3.00 for toothpaste, carrying bag and shipping.
Please add your heartfelt prayers to each kit.

Two tubs are available for placing your bags in. One is in the Narthex by the fireplace, the other is on the pew by the parking lot door.

Cost a completed kit is approximately \$13.00.

Kits must be in to by church next Sunday.



**Golden Cross Sunday
May 19, 2023**



**Baccalaureate
Service**

**Congratulations to our high
school graduates!**

Katherine Hall will introduce
speaker Teige Perkins and Clara
Shannon will also be a speaker for
our Baccalaureate service on
Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
in the high school auditorium.

We are so proud of all of our graduates!