



**Sunday, February 16, 2020**  
**6th Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Monthly Youth Service Sunday & Noisy Offering**

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Adult Bible Groups @ 9:15 AM  
 Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 10:30 AM  
 Worship Service @ 10:30 AM  
 Sunday School: Children Dismissed from Worship



Our accessible/family friendly restroom (equipped with changing table) is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall to the right of the kitchen.

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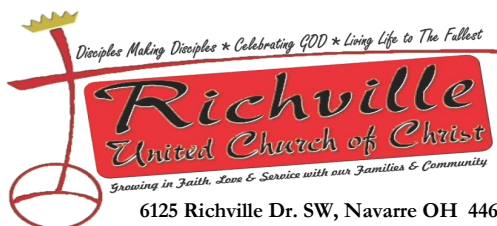
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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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**Something to Think and Pray About:**

"This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified." -**Martin Luther**

"Truth can be told in an instant, forgiveness can be offered spontaneously, but reconciliation is the work of lifetimes and generations." -**Krista Tippett**

"Hate, it has caused a lot of problems in the world, but has not solved one yet." -**Maya Angelou**

"You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you." -**C.S. Lewis**

**GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY**

+ **Designates all who are able please stand.**

10:30 am - Updates in the Life and Work of the Church

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude "**Meditation in D**" Vidas Pinkevicius, b. 1976

**WELCOME**

+ Opening Hymn #692 "**Wonderful Words of Life**"

+ **Call To Worship** (with Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon) (*responsive*)

[inspired by Psalm 119:1-8]

**Leader:** Let us come together to seek the great blessings GOD has in store for those who seek to live more purely.

**PEOPLE:** May we follow The LORD's teachings and seek after GOD with all of our hearts.

**Leader:** And when we do wrong, forgive us, we pray, Holy One.

**PEOPLE:** Help us to more closely obey YOUR instructions.

**Leader:** Oh how we wish we could be more faithful in obeying YOUR laws!

**PEOPLE:** Then we would never feel ashamed when we look closely at YOUR commands.

**Leader:** For the more we understand how fair YOUR laws are, the more honestly we will praise YOU.

**ALL:** *We are trying to obey YOUR laws -trusting that if we do, YOU will never leave us; AMEN!*

+ Sung Response #9 **“Glory Be to the Father”** (Gloria Patri)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## **Monthly “Noisy Offering” Renovations & Missions Offering**

*\*(This month, our collection, as voted on by the Sunday School youth, is dedicated toward the Habitat Faith Build. Next month will go toward our Capital Improvements/Facilities Renovation)\**

Kids’ Chorus: **“Jesus Loves Me/Amazing Grace”**

## **GATHERING AROUND THE LIVING WORD OF GOD**

**The Christian Scriptures** (New Testament)

The Gospel According to Matthew 5:21-37

**Message for The Whole Family of GOD:**  
**“Choose Life”**

+ Hymn of Response #455 [vs. 1,2,3] **“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”**

**Responding to God’s Grace (Committing Ourselves and Our Gifts)**

Prayers of The People (Joys and Concerns) and The Lord’s Prayer  
(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)

Prayer Response **“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”**

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen.*

## **Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD**

Call to Offering

Offertory **“Improvisation”** Michael Calabris

+ Offertory Response #7 **“Doxology”**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## + Prayer of Dedication [informed by 1st Corinthians 3:1-9; abbreviated] *(responsive)*

**Leader:** Brothers and sisters,

Let us bring our gifts before GOD as people who are led by the Spirit.

**PEOPLE:** We want our offerings to help people live for the Kingdom (and not the ways of this world).

**Leader:** Bless our living and giving, LORD, to be more mature in Christ.

**PEOPLE:** Allow our tithes to be more than just “milk”. May they and we offer one another the nourishment of “solid food”.

**Leader:** Strengthen us and our stewardship through YOUR Spirit, we ask.

**PEOPLE:** We do not want to follow our own selfish desires. We don't want to act out of jealousy. We want to use these resources to serve Jesus (and not one human preacher or teacher or another).

**Leader:** May all we share and do be done in a way that says we're all servants of GOD together -helping people come to faith.

**PEOPLE:** So, as we all give our “seeds”, anoint us to plant and water them well -following a common purpose in YOU, The One who makes things grow.

**Leader:** And may we honor one another's work and rejoice when each of us is rewarded for our efforts.

**ALL:** *For we are workers together for GOD, and we are to be like a farm that belongs to our LORD. May what we bring before YOU be used to build us up together as a house which belongs to YOU, and where YOU live; AMEN!*

## Proclaiming Emmanuel to the World

+ Charge and Benediction (Challenge & Blessing)

+ Sending Hymn #436 [vs. 1,2,3] “The Solid Rock”

+ Carillon Postlude on Hymns of the Day Michael Calabris

### WELCOME GUESTS:

If you are visiting us today, our prayer is that you would see and experience the whole-life transformation offered us in Jesus.

Large print bulletins are at the entry doors of the sanctuary.

**Please visit our Welcome Center.** Most any information you would want to know about our ministry and/or all sign up sheets are centrally located there. Also make sure to pick up your welcome gift!

### FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN:

Please remember to visit our Children's Area located to the right of the sanctuary doors. There you may sign your kids in, as well as grab a children's bulletin and a busy box.

Our education wing is located downstairs in the lower level. We have education classes for children (during worship) and also have a nursery.

### COMING NEXT WEEK:

Transfiguration Sunday

Seminary & Church Vocations  
Sunday

Theme/Message:  
“Born of Heaven, but  
Down to Earth”

Focus Text:  
Matthew 17:1-9  
(with Psalm 99  
& 2nd Peter 1:16-21)

Please join us for our hospitality social after worship in our Fellowship Hall directly behind our sanctuary.