



Sunday, September 8, 2019

Back-To Sunday

First Week of Fall 2019 Theme: "Mission and Vision"

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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



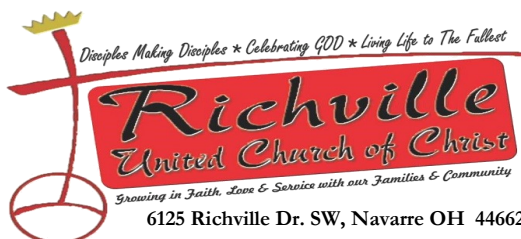
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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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Something to Think and Pray About:

"The opposite of poverty is not wealth. In too many places, the opposite of poverty is justice."

–Bryan Stevenson

"It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable." **–Moliere'**

"The reason many people fail is not for lack of vision but for lack of resolve and resolve is born out of counting the cost." **–Robert H. Goddard**

"The believer's cross is no longer any and every kind of suffering, sickness, or tension, the bearing of which is demanded. The believer's cross must be, like his Lord's, the price of his social nonconformity. It is not, like sickness or catastrophe, an inexplicable, unpredictable suffering; it is the end of the path freely chosen after counting the cost. It is not, like Luther's or Thomas Muntzer's or Zinzendorf's or Kierkegaard's cross, an inward wrestling of the sensitive soul with self and sin; it is the social reality of representing in an unwilling world the Order to come." **–John Howard Yoder**

"Love... love... love, never counting the cost." **–Catherine Doherty**

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 **"Voluntary in G"** Natalia Jesperse

WELCOME

+ Opening Hymn #30 **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

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

[based upon the RUCC Mission and Core Values Statement]

Leader: Gathering, once more, as the People of GOD, known as Richville United Church of Christ...

PEOPLE: ...we seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Forgive us then, Holy One, when we fail to follow YOU in thought, word or deed.

PEOPLE: Restore us and empower us, we pray -that we might more fully share our faith in order to make new disciples.

Leader: For we long to invite others to celebrate YOU and live life to the fullest.

ALL: All the while, continuing to grow in faith, love and service with our families and community -to YOUR Glory, by The Spirit's Power and in The Name and Authority granted us by Jesus The Christ; AMEN!

+ Sung Response #460 [vs. 1] **“Be Thou My Vision”**

*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.*

GATHERING AROUND THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

The Christian Scriptures (New Testament)

The Gospel According to Luke 14:25-33

Children's Message

(Children up to grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School. Confirmation age children and above are to stay in worship, unless they are requested to help in Sunday School.)

Message:

“What Are We Building Upon?”

(with Psalm 139)

+ Hymn of Response #719 **“Revive Us Again”**

Sharing and Responding to Our Stories-Of and Needs-for Resurrection

Prayers of The People (Joys and Concerns) and The Lord's Prayer

(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)

Prayer Response #297 **“Spirit of The Living God”**

*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*

Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Call to Offering

Offertory **“Meditation on ‘Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name’”** Charles Callahan

+ Offertory Response #2 [vs. 1] **“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

+ Prayer of Dedication [Inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-11; excerpted] *(responsive)*

Leader: Stillspeaking GOD of we, YOUR Prophetic People,

In gratitude for YOUR Word being spoken to us, we bring these offerings.

PEOPLE: **Use them and us to lead others to the home of The True Potter.**

Leader: Allow our living and giving to serve YOUR Purposes of Creation and Re-creation.

PEOPLE: **For we are YOUR vessels -clay in YOUR Hands, and YOU are The Good Maker of us all. Rework us and our gifts, then, when they are spoiled, we humbly pray.**

Leader: And grant us the wisdom to steward these resources which build and plant YOUR Kingdom amidst the kingdoms of this earth.

PEOPLE: **Take our tithes and anoint them to pursue and echo YOUR Voice.**

Leader: Then our time, talents, and treasures will not be used for evil, but, instead will only work for the good YOU intend for us.

ALL: ***Amend our errors, we ask, and help our administration of these things bring us all into closer alignment with YOUR Ways; AMEN!***

Following The Holy Spirit Into the World

+ Charge and Benediction (Challenge & Blessing)

+ Sending Hymn #20 **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

+ 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:

2nd Week of Fall 2019 Theme:
“Mission & Vision”

Youth Service Sunday
& Noisy Offering

Theme/Message:
“Sanctuary”

Focus Text:
Luke 15:1-10 and
1st Timothy 1:12-17

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