



Sunday, September 6, 2020

"Back-To" Sunday
Celebration of The Lord's Supper
Labor Sunday

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Adult Bible Group @ 9:30 AM (starting Sept. 13)
 Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 10:30 AM
 Worship Service @ 10:30 AM
 Children's Church: Children Dismissed from Worship
 Post Worship: Fellowship Hour



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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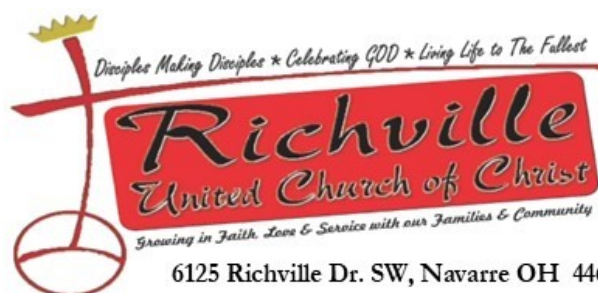
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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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Something to Think and Pray About:

"It is terrible how much has been forgotten, which is why, I suppose, remembering seems a holy thing."
-Anita Diamant

"Passover affirms the great truth that liberty is the inalienable right of every human being." **-Morris Joseph**

"If there is to be reconciliation, first there must be truth." **-Timothy B. Tyson**

"The overall purpose of human communication is--or should be--reconciliation. It should ultimately serve to lower or remove the walls of misunderstanding which unduly separate us human beings, one from another." **-M. Scott Peck**

"God wills our liberation, our exodus from Egypt. God wills our reconciliation, our return from exile. God wills our enlightenment, our seeing. God wills our forgiveness, our release from sin and guilt. God wills that we see ourselves as God's beloved. God wills our resurrection, our passage from death to life. God wills for us food and drink that satisfy our hunger and thirst. God wills, comprehensively, our well-being--not just my well-being as an individual but the well-being of all of us and of the whole of creation. In short, God wills our salvation, our healing, here on earth. The Christian life is about participating in the salvation of God." **-Marcus J. Borg**

GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude **"And God Spoke to Moses from the Burning Bush"**
from "Four Miniatures (for Organ)" by Michael Calabris

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn #20 [vs. 1,2] **"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been Granted in what He ordaineth?*

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 #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.*

FEASTING UPON THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

The Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)

Exodus 12:1-14

Children's Message

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

Communion Meditation:

1st Week of Fall 2020 Theme: "Ways of The World/THE WAY of Jesus"

"Living Together in Uncertain Times"

[with Matthew 18:15-20]

Hymn of Response & Preparation #749 [vs. 1,2] **"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"**

*Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.*

*Here would I feed upon the bread of God; Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load; Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.*

Gathering at The Lord's Table

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Invitation and Distribution of The Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

(using "sins" and "those who sin against us")

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

Prayers of The People

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 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 [based on Psalm 149] (responsive)

Leader: In praise of YOU, LORD, we bring our gifts -that they and we might sing a new song to YOUR Name.

PEOPLE: Before the assembly of YOUR faithful people, we present our offerings.

Leader: So receive our tithes, we pray, with the gladness we give them.

PEOPLE: May they and we rejoice in YOU, our Maker and King.

Leader: Let all we share be like a dance to YOUR glory -full of melodious music made with percussion and stringed instruments.

PEOPLE: For we know that YOU take pleasure in YOUR people -adorning the humble with victory.

Leader: We exult in YOUR Goodness and sing for joy when we lay down at the end of the day.

PEOPLE: So grant us wisdom, we ask, that we might steward these things in a manner that brings YOU the highest of praises.

Leader: Grant that our contributions would serve YOUR works of justice for all people and nations -binding up corrupt kings and those who use their power in unholy ways.

ALL: *And empower us to administrate these resources so that we would be worthy of the title of YOUR "Faithful People"; forever bringing YOU glory and praise; AMEN!*

Experiencing & Proclaiming the Hope of Resurrection

Charge and Benediction (Challenge & Blessing)

Sending Hymn #453 [vs. 1,2] **"Nothing but the Blood"**

*What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know - Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this I see - Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea - Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know - Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Postlude **"Prelude (for Carillon)"** Michael Calabris

COMING NEXT WEEK:

2nd Week of Fall 2020 Theme ("Ways of The World/THE WAY of Jesus")

Theme/Message:

**"You Can't Actually Mean That, Can You, Lord?
(A Way When There Seems to Be No Way)"**

Focus Text:

Matthew 18:21-35 (with Exodus 14:19-31 and Romans 14:1-12)