

**\*HYMN** "The Day of Resurrection" #245 Black Hymnal

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING SONG** "God Be With You"  
*God be with you till we meet again; by His counsel guide, uphold you.  
With His sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again. Amen.*

**\*POSTLUDE** "A Festal Fanfare" Bach

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### Welcome Patricia Frank Our Guest Organist

We welcome Patricia Frank as our guest organist today.  
Pat was our music director and organist from 1987-1993.

### Welcome Pastor Charlene J. Smith

We welcome Rev. Charlene J. Smith as our guest pastor today  
and thank her for helping us with our Sunday Worship during Pastor Allan's recovery.

Rev. Charlene retired in 2013 after 25 years of service with the national offices of the United Church of Christ. She is an author and has been an editor and currently serves on the Heartland Conference Board of Directors and is the Moderator for the Living Water Association.

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## **Richfield United Church of Christ**



**April 21, 2024**

10:15 am Service  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Charlene J. Smith  
Minister: Every Member of the Church

# ***Richfield United Church of Christ***

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MINISTER: EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

GUEST PASTOR: REV. CHARLENE J. SMITH

READER: MARYKE BARD

GUEST ORGANIST: PATRICIA FRANK

APRIL 21, 2024

## **WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE MEDITATION**      “Clair de lune”      Debussy

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** What a joy it is to welcome you this day!

**People: We are grateful and happy to be here.**

**Leader:** Christ, the Good Shepherd, invites you to walk with him.

**People: We accept that invitation, confident in His guidance.**

**Leader:** Be ready to serve the Lord in all that you do, for his love has been poured upon you.

**People: Open our hearts and spirits this day, Lord, to receive your holy words and to be challenged in our service to You. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN**      “My Shepherd Is the Living God”      #247 Black Hymnal  
*The ushers will pick up your prayer request slips during the Hymn of Praise*

### **\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION** (in unison)

**Leader:** Let us pray together.

**All:** Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which You have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

### **\*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE** (Pastor only)

### **\*THE 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.*

*\*Congregation may stand*

**SCRIPTURE READING**      John 10:11-18, Contemporary English Version

**SCRIPTURE READING**      Psalm 23, King James Version

*Preschool through 5th grade children should meet Mrs. Ellis at the back of the sanctuary for Sunday School following the Scriptures.*

**SERMON**      Rev. Charlene J. Smith

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION**      “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”      #252 Black Hymnal

## **SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

**The Offertory**      “Andante Religioso”      Mendelssohn

### **\*THE 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** (Praying Together)

As we present these offerings, may our hearts be filled with appreciation for the privilege of being able to share our resources. God, we ask that You bless these gifts. They were given out of love for You and obedience to Your word. May these offerings be a channel for positive change, spreading light and love wherever they are received. Amen.

## Coffee Hour Today

Our thanks to the WPM Board for hosting Coffee Hour today. Please join them for refreshments following the 10:15 am worship service.



## Coffee Hour Calendar

A new Coffee Hour Calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for April and May.

**Dates still open are next week, April 28, May 12, 19 and 26.**

Grab a friend and sign-up to be a host. A great way to say hello to everyone on a Sunday morning.

## Book Club Meets Tomorrow

Book Club will meet tomorrow evening at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Room. The book selection for discussion this month is *“The Silent Patient”* by Alex Michaelides. Join them for book discussion and snacks.

The book selection for June will be *“The Radium Girls”* by Kate Moore.

## The 2024 Flower Calendar

*Share a special event or memory in our life  
by donating flowers for the altar.*

A new flower calendar has been posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for 2024.

Select a date and the office will call you the week before your Sunday.

- 1) Vases from Countryside Florist are \$40 and they deliver to the church.
- 2) Pick up flowers or plants from your choice of suppliers.
- 3) Bring in a vase of flowers from your garden.
- 4) Ask about our silk flower arrangements made by Michal Swan or our glass/aluminum flower arrangements by Dale Stanley.



## Revere Schools Celebration of the Arts

*District-wide student art show*

**April 29-May 2**

6:30-8:30 pm each night, in the Auxiliary Gym of Revere High School.

**\*\*Special day-time showing** on Wednesday, May 1, from 11:00-1:00.

# Earth Day

## Word Search Puzzle



C O M P O S T E J N H R R S  
 K L U A U L O Z O N E V F U L  
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APRIL	ENVIRONMENT	PLANET
CLEAN AIR	GLOBAL	POLLUTION
CLIMATE	GREEN	RAINFOREST
COMPOST	HABITAT	RECYCLE
CONSERVE	LITTER	TREES
EARTH	NATURE	VOLUNTEER
ECOLOGY	OCEAN	WATER
ENERGY	OZONE	WILDLIFE

## Sunday School Classes

**\*Nursery Care at our 10:15 service:** our helpers are on-call each Sunday if infant—3-year old care is needed.

**\*Preschool—5th grade class:** Meet Mrs. Ellis today at the back of the sanctuary after the scriptures.

**\*Youth Class, 6-12 grade:** Our youth class meets each Sunday from 9:15-10:00 am in the upstairs youth room, September through May.

**\*Adult Class:** Due to Pastor Allan's accident, the Adult Sunday School class will take a break until further notice.

## Mission Group Trip

The Mission Group has left this morning for Mayfield, Kentucky, on a work trip to provide help to those still without housing following the tornado which struck that town in 2022. This will be their second trip to this region.

There are 19 folks going, maybe one of the largest groups yet! This list includes:

Jim Schilling

Don Richards (Pieter's barber's husband)

Tom & Karen Kiska

John Sahakian

Dave Hayes

Dave Hakos

Tim Sommer

Lew Monegan

Jean & Dennis Krankowski

Marilyn Scarbrough

Nagwa & Kevin Ahlborg

Barbara Luther

Dorothy Hooper

Gordon Brown

Betty & Pieter Vandermeer



These trips are totally funded by money this group has raised, costing nothing to the participants, except their unbridled skills and talents! Please support our upcoming garage sale and keep the group in your prayers. The church can be very proud of this outreach!

## The Interfaith Counsel's Walk for Hunger Sunday, May 5

***There is still time to register as a walker.***



*Last year, RUCC was the 3rd largest faith community participant.*

*Our sponsored walkers and non-walker donations were \$2,345.*

Join us this year by signing up in the Fellowship Hall with

Charlotte Hays in the upcoming weeks.

Non-walker donations are also welcomed.

**On May 5**, registration begins at 2:00 pm and the Walk begins at 3:00 pm.

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church 3300 Morewood Rd, Fairlawn.



## WELCOME TO RICHFIELD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

We now have a "Welcome Book" at the back of the sanctuary for guests to record their name and contact information. If you meet a visitor, please assist them in finding our *Welcome Book*.

## Prayer List

The Mission Trip participants, Family of Ray Barker, Pastor Allan and family, Bruce Mortimer, Newt Heston's sister Betsy; Peggy Tallant, Diane Luther, Anne Taylor, Mary Jones, Ruby Kover, Nicholas and Teresa Lindsey and Pastor Lane's mom, Sandra Lane.



### **Request for prayers from congregation members:**

The people of the Ukraine, Israel and Palestine; Lori, Ava Kessler, Jill Lisowski, Russ Mortus, Jason, Linda, neighbor of Pat Worton; Erika, Lilly G.; Ivy, great niece of Joe & Sue Reineck, Charles Boughton, Chris Vasbinder, Heather, daughter of Jim Schilling; Tammy, daughter-in-law of Dick & Rosemarie Sprague and friend of Tim & Linda; Laura Parson, daughter of Sylvia Sauer; Phil Gray, Sylvia's brother; Stephanie Sak, cousin of Ceec Bard; Molly Oldham, Marion Kovacs, sister of Larry Harsey.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

**Happy Birthday this week** to Jacob Wilson, Gary Lindsey, Dorothy Hooper, and Chris Stanley.

**Happy Anniversary this week** to Chris & Kathy Hayes.

## Upcoming Dates



**Today-Saturday:** Adult Mission Trip to Mayfield, Kentucky

**April 22:** Book Club at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Room

**Friday-Saturday:** Youth Group Lock-in!