# LOVE (like) JESUS

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SATURDAY, JULY 7

4:00 PM AFTERNOON WORSHIP

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymn #384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH\*

Call to Worship

Hymn #191 Jesus Loves Me UMH

**Greeting Your Neighbor** 

Invitation to Mission

Music Ministry Thank You Ray Boltz

Kathi Burger

Song Room at the Table

**Prayer Time** 

Mission Moment

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering I Have Felt the Touch of God McCutcheon

Kathi Burger Llarson

Doxology #95 UMH

Scripture Matthew 16:13-18 CEB\*\*

Message The Next 100 Jeff Nelson

Hymn #77 How Great Thou Art UMH

<sup>\*</sup> United Methodist Hymnal \*\* Common English Bible

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **July Collection Challenge**



Did you know that most people with a bridge card or food stamps cannot use that money to purchase every-day staples like toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, and even diapers? We will be collecting these items throughout the month of July for our friends at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative, the NOAH Project, and our own lunch program. 100 boxes to fill will be available beginning Saturday, July 7. Be on the

lookout for sales and coupons so you can fill your box and return it to the church by July 29.

### **Food Staples for our Lunch Program**

Every week day, our lunch program provides 30-40 people a bagged lunch and a hot meal. Our stock is running low and we could use some non-perishable supplies, specifically grape & strawberry jelly, canned tuna fish, and 8 quart canisters of Kool-Aid. Please bring your donations to church on Sundays or any time during office hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00).



### Redford Brightmoor Initiative Saturday, July 21, 9:00 am-1:30 pm



You can help us prepare and serve lunch for the 70-80 shoppers at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative Free Store on Saturday, July 21, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. Opportunities are available to make and serve lunch in the kitchen, or plan crafts and activities for the children of the shoppers. Sign up at rofum.org/links or at the *Here I Am Lord* Table in the Narthex. Contact the Missions team at missions@rofum.org for more information.

### A Wonderful Night of A Cappella Broadway

If you are interested in an evening of unique live music, join us for a performance featuring our friends John Marsh and Roger Boyer with *The Gentlemen Songsters*, *Surefire*, and *Category 4* on Saturday, August 11, at 6:00 pm at Royal Oak Middle School. To secure a group rate and a block of seats, contact John Marsh at 248-933-6938 or Roger Boyer at 248-302-6631 by Sunday, July 15.



# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Athena Milewski; Jane Frentz; Paul Kremer; Vel Lowman; Don McCreedy; Marianne Peck; Mark Thatcher; Lee Hoffmann; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Jim Tempest; Cynthia Cline; Rosabelle Moody; Sophie Willis

**Prayers for our extended family:** Donald Goff; James Chamberlain; James Kremer; John Bell

Homebound Member of the Week: Florence Martin

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org with any prayer concerns.

SERMON NOTES			



# **SCHEDULE**

Sunday, July 8 – Mission Sunday					
9:00 am	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Sanctuary			
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall				
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall			
11:00 am	Worship & Welcoming New Members	Sanctuary			
	Preschool – Room #405				
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402				
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403				
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour				
12:30 pm	Choir Camp Staff Meeting	Fellowship Hall			
Monday, July 9					
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall			
11:00 am	Directors' Meeting				
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities				
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary			
Tuesday, July 10					
10:30 am	Lunch Program				
11:30 am	Sermon Practice				
11:45 am	Roga (Chair Yoga)				
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons Women's Book and Bible Study Roya				
7:00 pm	Women's book and bible Study Roya	ai Oak Tapriouse			
	Wednesday, July 11				
9:30 am	Bulletin Review				
10:00 am 10:30 am	Organ Practice	Sanctuary			
10.30 am	Lunch ProgramROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) The Av				
6:00 pm	Backyard Blast				
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7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Wednesday, July 11 continued Soul Stretch Yoga House Band Nar-Anon	Sanctuary		
7:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Thursday, July 12  Men's Morning Fellowship  Organ Practice  Lunch Program  Shawl Ministry	SanctuaryFellowship Hall		
10:30 am 1:00 pm	Friday, July 13 Lunch Program Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making	Fellowship Hall Kitchen		
10:00 am 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 14 Rippling Hope Work Day Ascend Church Meeting Saturday Afternoon Worship			
Sunday, July 15				
9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am		Fellowship Hall		
12:00 pm	Nursery – Fellowship Hall Preschool – Room #405 Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402 Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403 Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall		

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Christians talk often about how much they love Jesus.

But what exactly does that mean? How does one love Jesus?

Is loving Jesus an act of worship? Is it adhering to a set of beliefs? Is it an adherence to a set of doctrine? Is it through acts of personal piety?

How exactly does one love Jesus?

One thing a career in ministry has made clear to me is that people rarely learn to love through abstract philosophy or theology. Not even a really good, well thought out sermon makes that much of a difference (sigh!) We need concrete and practical experiences to learn the ways of love.

That is why we have Jesus. Jesus shows us love in concrete and practical form. When we look to Jesus we see what God's love looks like. In Jesus, love is merciful. It is compassionate. It is inclusive. But at its core, it is personal - Jesus sought to love each person in front of them as if they were the most important person on the entire earth.

He loved through touch.

He loved by addressing needs.

He loved by seeing each person's pain.

Jesus loved each person as if they were an unrepeatable miracle of God.

We love Jesus by loving like Jesus. Like Jesus we strive to show kindness, compassion and mercy to all those who walk through our doors. Like Jesus we love by loving the ones in front of us like they are the most important person on the earth. Like Jesus we strive to see each person as an unrepeatable miracle of God.

We want to be known as a people who love Jesus.

To do this, we will seek to be a people who love like Jesus.

Grace and Peace,