LOVE (like) JESUS

Abundantly SUNDAY, JULY 8 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Vocalise, Op. 34 No. 14	S. Rachmaninoff	
Hymn #384	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	UMH*	
Call to Worship		Charlene Faunt	
Song	Room at the Table	Carrie Newcomer	
Greeting Your Ne	ighbor		
Invitation to Missi	on		
Time with Childre	n		
Music Ministry <i>This Little Light of Mine Medley</i> K. DeVault Iris Derry, Kirsten DeVault, Luke DeVault, Shardai Duckett, Philip Klein, Claire Olech			
Welcoming New I	Vembers		
Time of Prayer			
Mission Moment			
Offering Our Gifts Musical Offerin		K. DeVault	
Doxology #95		UMH	
Scripture	John 6:1-14	CEB**	
Message	Abundantly	Jeff Nelson	
Hymn #191	Jesus, Loves Me	UMH	
Postlude	Joyous Day!	J. Leavitt	
		* United Methodist Hymnal	

* 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 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	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Welcoming New Members	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall	
	Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Choir Camp Staff Meeting	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship & Welcoming New Members Nursery – Fellowship Hall Preschool – Room #405 Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402 Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403 Fellowship Hour	Sanctua Fellowship Ha

Monday, July 9

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Directors' Meeting	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 10

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Sermon Practice	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Roga (Chair Yoga)	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study	. Royal Oak Taphouse

Wednesday, July 11

9:30 am	Bulletin Review	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Organ Practice	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	. The Avenue Restaurant
6:00 pm	Backyard Blast	Gabler Home

Wednesday, July 11 continued

7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Room #414
7:30 pm	House Band	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403

Thursday, July 12

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship	Nello's Restaurant
10:00 am	Organ Practice	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 13

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making	Kitchen

Saturday, July 14

Rippling Hope Work Day

10:00 am	Ascend Church Meeting	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship	Sanctuary

Sunday, July 15

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Baptisms	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall	
	Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	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,