



# REAL *Love*

Saturday, October 20  
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Hymn Sing

## Hymn #384

# Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

\*UMH

# Call to Worship

Leonard Benyas

## Hymn #89

## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

### Stanzas 1 and 3

UMH

# Greeting Your Neighbor

# Invitation to Mission

## Music Ministry

*Shall We Gather At the River*  
George Marck and Debi Szeliga, Pianists

Larry Shackley

## Time of Prayer

## Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

## Musical Offering

*I Surrender All*  
George Marck and Debi Szeliga, Pianists

Phillip Keveren

## Doxology #95

UMH

## Scripture

## Luke 5:1-11

**\*\*CEB**

## Message

## Real Love

Jeff Nelson

## Song

## Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

\*United Methodist Hymnal

\*\*Common English Bible

Welcome to  
the Party!

Sunday, October 21  
2:00 pm

Contact [office@rofum.com](mailto:office@rofum.com) or  
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**Big  
Boy**

**BIG BOY NIGHT**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23**  
**5:00-8:00 PM**

# Walking on Waves

Sunday, November 4  
5:00 pm

# OPPORTUNITIES

## It's Real



We are living in a time where it is hard to know what is real. When we can't trust the "realness" of information, institutions, and even people, sometimes we're left with an emptiness of spirit and purpose. For the last couple of years our mantra at Royal Oak First has been, "Making Christ's Love Real." Not empty religious dogma, but real love. Not fake public smiles, but real deep friendships. Not patting our own backs, but making a real difference. Starting this week, come experience four weeks of powerful worship, not just saying what we like to hear, but listening for where God might be calling us.

## It's Pastor Appreciation Month

Let us show the Pastors our love by writing a heartfelt note of how God used them to make a difference in your life. These notes will be used to remind them that they are making a difference. Please pick up a card at the welcome table and return it to the basket once it is complete. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).



## Welcome to the Party!

**Sunday, October 21, 2:00 pm**

You are invited to a gathering at the pastor's house. Get to know some other people, learn more about the church, and ask any questions you might have about Royal Oak First. Contact George Marck at [gmarck@rofum.org](mailto:gmarck@rofum.org) if you would like to pre-register or if you have any questions. If you haven't pre-registered yet, just show up!



## Big Boy Night for Music Guild

**Tuesday, October 23, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Come to the Big Boy at 30460 John R Rd. in Madison Heights and enjoy dinner with your church family and 15% of your dinner tab (with a coupon) goes to the Royal Oak First United Methodist Music Guild to support Choir Camp. There are drawings for wonderful prizes and you get to eat where (almost) everybody knows your name! Contact Shirley Harris at [sharris@rofum.org](mailto:sharris@rofum.org) with any questions. Coupons are available at the Welcome Table.



## Jumpin' Jams

**Saturday, October 27, 10:00 am**

This interactive movement and music exploration, led by Jennifer Semivan (Registered Music Therapist), is open to kids in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade of all abilities! Jump in and try it out! We'll be waiting for you in Fellowship Hall! If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Semivan at [jsemivan@rofum.org](mailto:jsemivan@rofum.org).

## Spooktacular is Back!

**Sunday, October 28, 1:00 pm**

Every year, the City of Royal Oak hosts the annual Spooktacular, a Halloween festival with games, trick-or-treating, and entertainment for the families of our community. Royal Oak First is one of the hosts for this community event with candy and games. We will be collecting candy donations in the elevator lobby on the lower level. Contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) if you have any questions.



## **United Methodist Women Pillowcase Workshop**

**Thursday, November 1, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm**



Want to help brighten the life of a child? Come to the United Methodist Women program on Thursday, November 1, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making pillowcases for the children at Cass Community Social Services and the children at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative. Many of these children have no pillowcases. These pillowcases will be given to the children at Christmas. Sewing skills are not needed to help with this mission project. Everyone is invited! If you have any questions, contact Kathy Riggs at 248-390-4345.

## **Volunteer Opportunity at Redford Brightmoor Initiative**

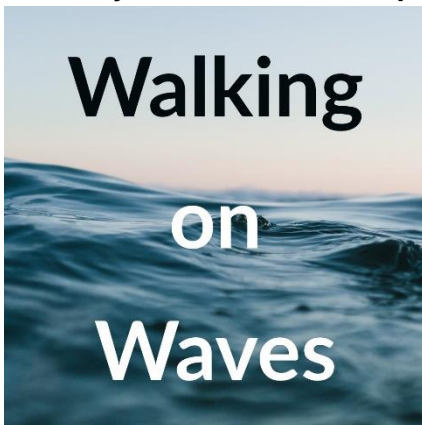
**Saturday, November 3, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Join us at Redford Brightmoor Initiative in Redford to help prepare and serve lunch during their Free Store on Saturday November 3, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. If you like to spend time with babies and children, you can sign up to be a babysitter to watch the children while parents shop. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Welcome Table. For more information, contact Astrid Harrod at 248-635-6357 or [RBI@rofum.org](mailto:RBI@rofum.org).



## **Walking on Waves: a Royal Oak First Concert**

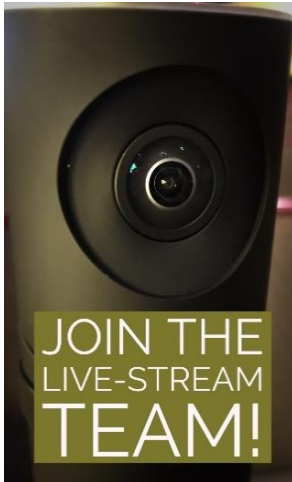
**Sunday, November 4, 5:00 pm**



Water has the power to move us, from mighty storms to quiet creeks. Mark your calendars for an hour of inspiring water music by Royal Oak First music ministries. We'll journey from the despair of drought and desert mirages, through tears and dreams of distant shores, to the joy of heavenly rivers and unquenchable love! A freewill offering will be taken, so bring a friend to support youth and adult singers and instrumentalists. Contact our Minister of Worship & Arts, Caleb Williams, at [caleb@rofum.org](mailto:caleb@rofum.org) for more info.

## College Care Packages

Our youth will be putting together care packages to send to our college students who are away at school. Please send your student's name and address to Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org). If you would like to make a donation for the care packages, please contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).



## Worship Service Live-Stream Team

Every Sunday, our worship service live-stream allows our members who have transportation issues, are travelling, are sick, or maybe just had trouble getting moving in the morning to attend worship from wherever they are. We are creating a team of people to help make the live-stream happen. We will provide camera training and opportunities to serve as often as you want. If you are comfortable with technology and interested in this fun new team, contact Sam Garrett, at [sgarrett@rofum.org](mailto:sgarrett@rofum.org).

# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Ken Burton; Lloyd Ramseyer; Carol Hardt; Roger Johnson; David Leenhouts; Carl & Shirley Shafer; Suzanne Hughes; Anne Brace; Bill & Nancy Schuman; Woody Siddall; Ann Anderson; Ed Rowe; Cecilia Tamm; Dona Wells; Ava Fall; Rebecca McNaughton; Stephanie Smallwood; Charles White; Lee Hoffmann; Athena Milewski; Marianne Peck; Celia Horak; Barb Nicholas; Sherry Giles; Pam Shewchuck; Vel Lowman; Jim & Mary Ann Tempest; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Margaret Simmons

**Prayers for our extended family:** The Rock Family; Dave Jensen; Susan Chamberlain; Rachel B.; Pat Strelecki; Melissa Glasson; Beth Zimmerman; Gerald Sessions; Barbara Mitchell; Brian Boozan; Helen McGee; Delphine Reddy; Judy Gettel; Chuck Bartley; Heather Griffin; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap; James Chamberlain

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Joyce Nelson

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org) with any prayer concerns.

# THERE'S A WIDENESS IN YOUR MERCY

This hymn was inspired by this week's scripture and includes text adapted from an 1854 hymn by Frederick W. Faber.

Work overtime for nothing left,  
Give everything I've got.  
You step into my emptiness  
And ask for one more shot.

How could you love someone like me?  
Do you know what I've done?  
You start to smile, and then you say,  
"We've only just begun"

There's a wideness in your mercy,  
which is wider than the sea.  
There's a kindness in your justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There's a love within your people,  
Which is more than family.  
There's a wideness in your mercy,  
Which is wide enough for me.

My shameful pride, the pain I hide,  
The doubt that clouds my mind.  
I look inside, and open wide,  
and leave it all behind.



## SERMON NOTES

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# CALENDAR

## Sunday, October 21

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) – Room #414	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Welcome to the Party! .....	Pastor's House
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals .....	Choir Room, Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale .....	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Group & Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, October 22

9:00 am	Core Team Meeting .....	Choir Room
9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Director's Meeting .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, October 23

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
10:00 am	Pastor Jeff's Book and Bible Study .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Roga (Chair Yoga) .....	Choir Room
11:30 am	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Choir Room
5:00 pm	Big Boy Night .....	Big Boy Restaurant on John R in Madison Heights
5:00 pm	Uncle Calvin's Sweet Potato Pies .....	Kitchen
6:00 pm	Sing Out, Detroit! .....	Choir Room, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology .....	HopCat
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball .....	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor

## Wednesday, October 24

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting .....	Caleb's Office
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, October 24, continued**

11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) .....	The Avenue Restaurant
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church on Wednesday) Dinner .....	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Children's Choirs sing at Royal Oak Manor.....	Royal Oak Manor
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir .....	Fellowship Hall North
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study .....	Church Office
6:30 pm	The Way Forward Book Study .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	House Band.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Room #403
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

### **Thursday, October 25**

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Nello's Restaurant
9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Uncle Calvin's Sweet Potato Pies .....	Kitchen
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

### **Friday, October 26**

9:00 am	Mason's Candies .....	Kitchen
9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen

### **Saturday, October 27**

10:00 am	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Jumpin' Jams Music Program .....	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary

### **Sunday, October 28**

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
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12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Royal Oak Spooktacular .....	Downtown Royal Oak
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room, Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale.....	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Group & Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

In our first year together, I did a lot of listening. I was listening to the ways you described what made this place and the movement here so special. What I heard you say over and over was that you experienced God's love at Royal Oak First. What was really interesting, though, was that when you spoke of God's love it was not in some theoretical, religious way, but instead the love you experienced here was tangible and very personal. So, we started to claim that sense as our mantra, "Making Christ's Love Real!"

I met Antone Tuesday night. It was time for me to go home. It was time for dinner so I was headed out the door and there, peeking in, was Antone. It was time for dinner and he knew exactly where to come. He knew that even though we had served lunch six hours earlier that if you are hungry you come to the Methodist Church and somebody will find you something to eat. Sure enough, there in the refrigerator were sandwiches ready and waiting. Tangible. Personal. "Christ's love made real."

In a couple of weeks I'll be asking you to make an investment in the work God is doing in this place. Never doubt that your generosity is making a real a difference—one sandwich, one life at a time!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor J. J.". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.The words "IT'S REAL" are written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered and occupies most of the width of the block. The background is a photograph of blue water with white-capped waves, creating a textured, dynamic effect.