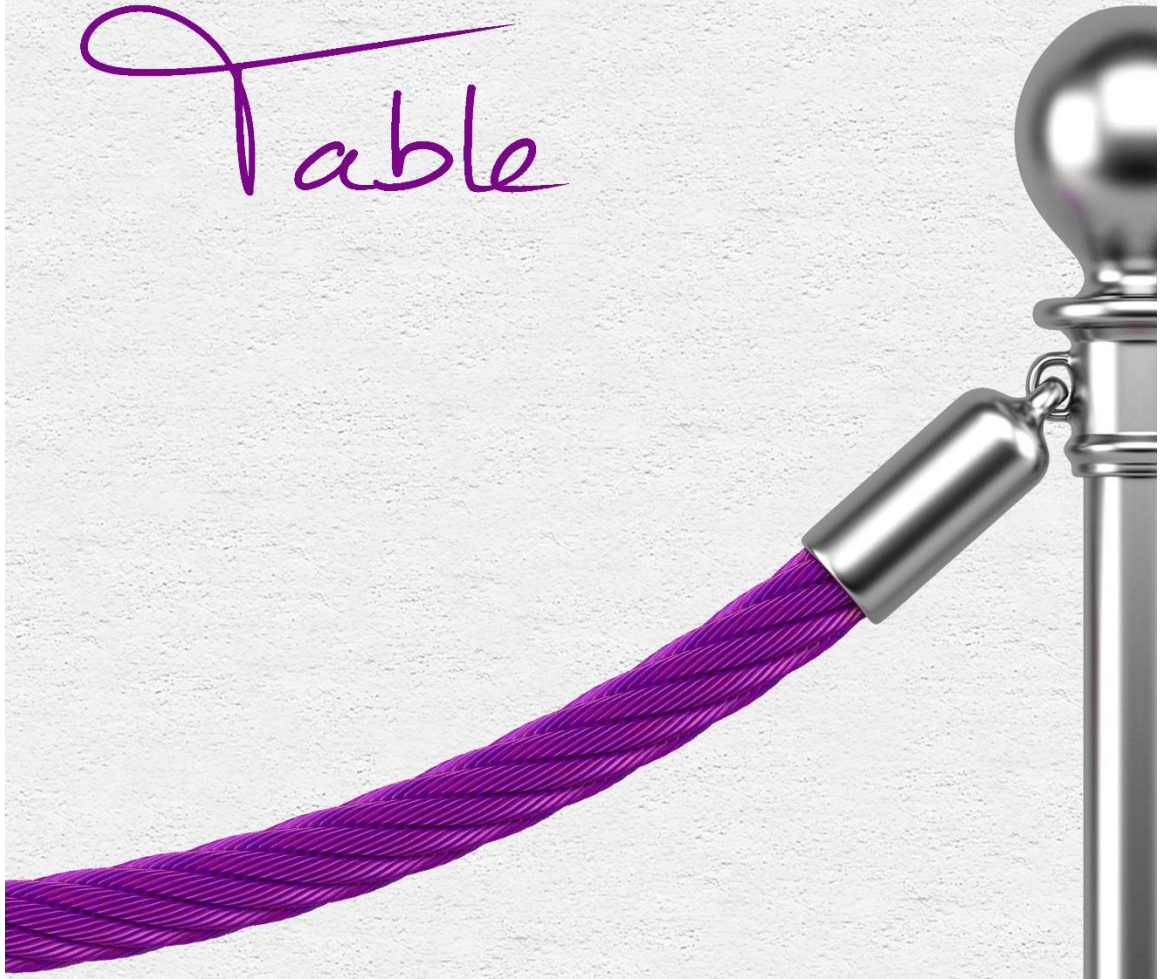


Table



Sunday, April 7
9:00 am Worship

Barrier
Breakers
Lent 2019

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Song Spirit of the Living God

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Time with Children

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering

Prelude
Heather Lindblom, Viola

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Song

Love Breaks Through

Caleb Williams

Scripture

Matthew 9:9-13
Karla Ringeisen

*CEB

Message

Table

Jeff Nelson

Communion

Song

Take My Life

OPPORTUNITIES



Welcome to the Party!

Sunday, April 14, 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 if you would like to sign up, or if you have any questions. If you don't sign up ahead of time, you are still welcome to show up!

Coffee and Conversations: Lenten Discussion

Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Join us for the last Coffee and Conversation where we will discuss Sustainability, Happiness, and the "Slow" Movement. We will meet in the sanctuary and hear from an expert on the topic, then break into discussion groups. If you have any questions, contact Myra Moreland at mmoreland@rofum.org.



Final Fish Dinner

Friday, April 12, 4:30 – 7:00 pm

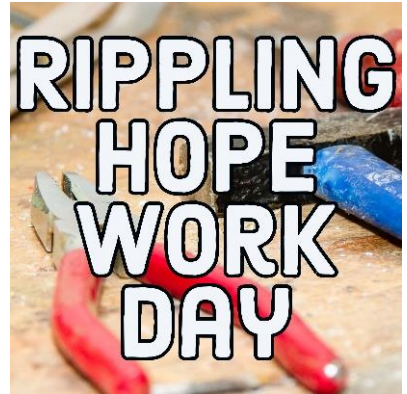
There is only one chance left! Be sure to join us for food, fellowship, and service. Adult meals start at just \$10.

Opportunities to serve are available to everyone (children and youth even get credit for Choir Camp) so be sure to sign up at rofum.org/links. If you have any questions, or if you would like to help make these dinners successful, contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org.

Rippling Hope Work Day

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am

Rippling Hope works to help seniors and low income Detroiters with home repairs and maintenance. Meet us in the church parking lot at 9:00 am to go to the Rippling Hope Offices in Detroit. Our work will be finished by 4:00 pm. There will be jobs for everyone middle-school-age and older of all skill levels. Our projects may include interior and exterior painting, drywall installation, porch repairs, fence repairs, and general yard maintenance. Sign up at the Welcome Table or by contacting Mike McNutt at ripplinghope@rofum.org.



Music Experience for Parents and Tots

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 pm -7:15 pm

This is an opportunity to share the joy of music with your infants and toddlers. We will learn songs and movement activities that you can do at home, too! Family dinner begins at 5:30 pm before the class. Contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org if you are interested.

Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 am

Calling all green thumbs! We are cleaning up our green spaces for spring and we have a wonderful chance for you to work together with your church family to make our church more beautiful for spring. Meet in the parking lot at 9:30 am with a desire to serve and connect and, if you have them, a rake and work gloves. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Yago at chuckyago@att.net.



Projection Training

Sunday, April 28, 12:00 pm

The projection on the wall during worship services plays a big part in making worship enjoyable for everyone and the Projection Team is always open to new members to make that happen. There will be an open training session for anyone interested. Contact Debi Szeliga at dszeliga@rofum.org if you have any questions.



Where Friends Gather Women's Retreat

Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5

Save the date! All are welcome to join our second annual Women's Retreat. More information is to come, so be sure to watch your bulletins. If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.

Musician Roll-Call

This community is full of hidden talents! Do you play an instrument? Do you sing? Did you play in high school and your instrument is collecting dust in some closet? Let us know! We're updating our roster of musical people, and we don't want to leave you out. Please send your info to Assistant Director of Worship & Arts, Debi Szeliga, at dszeliga@rofum.org.



Collections for our Lunch Program



Our Lunch Program does a lot more than serve lunch. It includes a monthly clothing closet, and our volunteers distribute clothing and other necessities every day. Right now, our storage is running low on a few things. We could use blankets and sheets, socks, and men's summer clothing. Additionally, we are always collecting personal care items like soap, razors, deodorant, washcloths, and feminine hygiene products. Please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall with the label "Lunch Program". Contact the church office at office@rofum.org if you have any questions.

CROP WALK

You are invited to participate in the Annual CROP Walk on Sunday, May 5. This is a great opportunity to provide support for our "As We Gather" lunch program as well as two other local food banks. There are two ways you can join the fight to end hunger

- 1) Be a walker and get friends and family to sponsor you
- 2) Sponsor a walker! Cheer them on!



Don't miss your chance to be part of this wonderful mission!

Sign up sheets and donation envelopes are available at the Welcome Table or you can fill out this form and place in the offering plate.

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Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

_____ I am interested in walking

_____ I am interested in sponsoring a walker

Tear out this page and place it in the offering plate
or return it to the church office.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Steve D'Angelo; Dave Minch; Kathy Seidler; Laurie O'Donnell; Ceci Tamm; Dan Mayer; John Wagster; Barb Seizert; Audrey Fick; Lloyd & Janet Ramseyer; Carol Hardt; Laci Basel; Marguerite Nowacek; Art & Delores Miller; Al & Margaret Simmons; Patty Dunstan; Mary Lou Graeber; Inge Wichers; Linda Somers; Doris Whitney; Mary Anne Tempest; James Respecki; Don Siedler; Jean Foster; Lee Hoffmann; Anne Brace; Gwen Ross; Eileen Albers; Nancy Lorenz; Nate DeAngelo; Lisa Rye; Janet Cork; Kris Hanstrom; Dian Wurdock; Ann Anderson; Stephanie Smallwood; Charles White; Pam Shewchuck

Prayers for our extended family: Bernise Amell; Lorraine Dorsey; Kris Beachum; Carl Wilson; Alexis Bagrosky; George Bartley; David Moser; Carol Barney; Larry Burger; Tim Johnson; Susan Chamberlain; Susie Inch; Brian Boozan; Helen McGee; Chuck Bartley; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa

Homebound Member of the Week: Yvonne Quinn

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



Wednesdays
7:30 pm

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Celebrations

Saturday, April 13, 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 14, 9:00 & 11:00 am

This is the day we relive the great Jesus parade as it entered the city. It is a day of excitement with palms to wave and joy to spread.

Mauudy Thursday

April 18, 7:00 pm

This powerful evening service is a very meaningful night of song and communion. We will recreate the upper room where Jesus gathered for one last meal with his closest friends. Nursery care is available.

Good Friday Worship

April 19, 12:00 pm

Come to the foot of the cross and experience the passion of Jesus. This is a service of deep reflection with powerful music and a message that will make you wrestle with the pain and suffering of the world.

7 Last Words

April 19, 7:00 pm

This is an experience you don't want to miss. Local poets and musicians are taking the seven last words and creating original works that will make these ancient words come alive! Nursery care is available.

Easter Weekend

Saturday, April 20, 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 21, 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00

Come out and celebrate the resurrection of Christ. This is the day where we say, "God's not dead!" We remember that the movement of peace, justice, kindness, and inclusion is alive and well.



HOLY WEEK
SCHEDULE

EASTER FLOWERS

We are offering a choice of spring flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21, or contributing to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in honor or memory of a loved one. The names of the donors and those to be honored or memorialized will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. If you wish to participate, place this form in the offering plate or return it to the church office on Sunday, April 7.

Checks made out to Royal Oak First United Methodist (ROFUM) or cash must accompany your order.

Please use one form per sentiment. Additional forms are available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, and church office.

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___ Easter Lily (1 bloom) - \$12

___ Easter Lily (2 blooms) - \$23

___ Azalea - \$23

___ Daffodil - \$9

___ Hyacinth - \$9

___ Tulip - \$9

___ I will pick up the plant after the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday.

___ I am willing to deliver my plant to a homebound member on Easter Sunday.

___ I will order my own plant and deliver it to the church on Friday, April 19.

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ for UMCOR.

This is a memorial to _____

This is in honor of _____

Given by _____

Phone Number _____

Tear out this page and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7

8:00 am	Middle School Communion Bread Baking	Kitchen
9:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Parlor, K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Parlor; 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
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:45 pm	Youth Group and Dinner	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Monday, April 8

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting	3 rd Floor
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 9

10:00 am	Pastor's Book and Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Roga Chair Yoga	Choir Room
12:30 pm	Team Huddle Staff Meeting	3 rd Floor
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball.....	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology	HopCat
7:00 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee.....	2 nd Floor
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study Group	Royal Oak Taphouse

Wednesday, April 10

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Sermon Practice	Sanctuary
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out).....	The Avenue Restaurant
1:00 pm	Royal Oak Unity Fair Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson	Choir Room
4:30 pm	Violin Rehearsal.....	Room #403
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 10 continued

6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 pm	Music Experience for Parents and Tots	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Knowledge Circle	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

Thursday, April 11

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Ascend Church	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Friday, April 12

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
4:00 pm	Fish Dinner & Bake Sale.....	Kitchen, Fellowship Hall, Choir Room

Saturday, April 13

8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
9:00 am	Rippling Hope Work Day.....	Detroit
9:30 am	Spring Clean-Up	Church Grounds
4:00 pm	Worship & Celebration of Palms.....	Sanctuary

Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday

9:00 am	Worship & Celebration of Palms.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Parlor, K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Celebration of Palms.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Parlor; Preschool – Room #405	
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12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society	Choir Room
2:00 pm	Welcome to the Party.....	Parsonage
3:00 pm	Piano Recital.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room, Room #403, Room #414
6:45 pm	Youth Group and Dinner	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Dear friends,

This past week we celebrated what just might be my favorite day of the year, Opening Day! Opening Day is the first day of the new baseball season, the day when every team has the exact same chance of winning the World Series. I love Opening Day because it is a day full of possibilities. It doesn't matter how bad your team was last year; on Opening Day the slate has been wiped clean and everybody gets a fresh start. On Opening Day, our Detroit Tigers stand as equals with every other team in baseball—even with the mighty Yankees. Opening Day is a day of hope.

Besides being a hopeless baseball romantic, I suppose I am drawn to the drama of Opening Day because it matches so much of what I think it means to be a follower of a Christ. In Christ, there are always new possibilities, always a chance to start over and begin again. In Christ, last season's "record" is wiped clean, and just like an opening day every single one of us is equally a child of God. Being a follower of Christ means you are always a prisoner of hope.

There is no greater symbol of our Christian hope than the empty tomb of Easter. It is our "opening day," the moment we realize that the stone has been rolled away and all that has stood in the way of this new life in Christ has been removed. Easter is this great reminder that God is always seeking to remove those barriers that keep us from becoming the people we were created to be. Easter is all about hope.

Let me just say that watching our Detroit Tigers play the Toronto Blue Jays did not disappoint. Jordan Zimmerman (a native of New Auburn, Wisconsin I'll have you know) pitched a near perfect game, giving up only one hit in seven innings. In the bottom of the 10th, still locked in a scoreless tie, rookie left fielder Christin Stewart went home to give us the dramatic 2-0 win. And, at least for the day, my team stood atop of the American League standings.

I went to bed that night full of hope.

Easter is coming, my friends!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor J