

OPEN MY EYES

UNAFRAID **SUNDAY, MARCH 22**
LENT 2020 **ONLINE WORSHIP**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Song Be Thou My Vision

Pastor's Welcome

Invitation to Mission

Time of Prayer

Song Don't Be Afraid

Unison Prayer

Heavenly father, we are your humble servants. We come before you today in need of hope. There are times when we feel helpless. There are times when we feel weak. We pray for hope: hope for a better future, hope for a better life. We need your light, Lord, in every way. To know that all is right in the world, and to know that you are always near. Help us to walk in your light, and live our lives in faith and glory. We give you all honor and praise. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Scripture 2 Kings 6L15-17 and Psalm 121:1-3 *NRSV

Message Open My Eyes James Cogman

Closing Song How Great Thou Art

LYRICS

Be Thou My Vision – UMH #451

[Verse 1]

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

[Verse 2]

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true
Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

[Verse 3]

Great God of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright
Heav'n's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

Don't Be Afraid by John Bell

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,
My love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid, my love is stronger
And I have promised, promised to be always near.

How Great Thou Art – UMH #77

[Verse 1]

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have
made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe
displayed

[Chorus]

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to
Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to
Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

[Verse 2]

When through the woods, and forest glades
I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain
grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle
breeze

[Verse 3]

And when I think, that God, His Son not
sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

[Verse 4]

When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim: "My God, how great
Thou art!"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Maker's Lab Vacation Bible School

June 15-19, 5:30-8:00 pm

Don't miss out on this brand-new original VBS curriculum by our very own Christine Ryckman. At Maker's Lab VBS, your children will enjoy an innovative, creative, and energizing Bible-based good time as they explore how they were created by God and built for a purpose. The cost is \$20 per child.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Nancy Lorenz; John Wagster; Charlene Faunt; Bob & Sherry Giles; Emily Edwards; Brendan Murray; Delores Miller; Mary Nahhat; Allison Hempstead; Marguerite Nowacek; Chris & Nan Orletski; Lorraine Dorsey; Mike Monte; Annabelle Cook; Jan Carlson; Joyce Burton; Marguerite Horak; Rick Vincent; Sheryl Hunter; Carol Hardt; Cindy Vandermark; Pastor Jeff Nelson; The Riggs Family; Dorothy Matsumoto

Prayers for our extended family: Pam Payne; Mary; John & Charlene Orletski; Tasha Ellison; Bill Kincannon; Tony Monte; Patti Pittman; Effie Lambros; Gordon Yarbrough; Ivan Rice; Susan McNabb; Kris Beachum

Senior Spotlight: Bob Foote

Sympathy to Amy Lieblein on the death of her mother, Vickie Zimmerman, March 15.

This list includes prayer concerns from the past six weeks.

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our
Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Just when we start adjust to the changes swirling around us, something new comes into play. These are unprecedented times. Last week, a small group of us brought you the service from an empty sanctuary. On Monday we discussed ways to improve the live feed that comes to all of you. Then, on Tuesday, Pastor James and I went into isolation because we had direct contact with a confirmed case of the virus. (We are both fine; neither of us has any symptoms.) Working remotely, we continue to move forward to make Christ's love real in new ways. Let me share with you a few things that are happening. Right now.

- **The Calling Circle of Care is in motion.** I hope many of you have received a call. We expand of calling list every day. My hope is that every one of us will call and be called. We just want you to remember that you (yes, you,) are important to God and you are important to your church family. We also want to ask what we can do for you? Do you need help getting groceries? And, what can we be praying for, for you?
 - Beyond the church-wide calling circle, there are other calling circles going on as well. Several of the small groups are launching call chains, to give everyone one more point of contact, one more connection.
- **Our Lenten Grow Groups** are still going, just in new ways. We are connecting and continuing to study the book *UnAfraid* through emails and online live face-to-face chats. Two weeks remain in our current schedule, but we will extend classes during the quarantine. If you are not in a group but would like to join an on-line or a google chat class, please let me know at mmoreland@rofum.org.
- **For our children: Children's Time with Pastor Myra** is live on Facebook every weekday at 4pm (or you can view it any time after that.) Just go to the Royal Oak First Facebook page. As most of you know, I taught Sunday School for many years and I'm having a blast getting back into that role. I have seen plenty of adults watching too... I love that.
- **Children's Sunday School** We have "grab and go" Sunday School lessons. Starting Saturday at 10am you can come by and pick up a lesson packet from the bin just outside the Tower entrance.
- **Sunday Services at 9 and 11.** Yes, we will be broadcasting our live stream at 9 and at 11. I'll be leading worship, coming remote from my house and Pastor James will be preaching from his remote location. We will also have special music and some places for you to sing along from wherever you are.

This week's sermon: "Open My Eyes"

I still can't believe we set the sermons series, *UnAfraid*, back in December. (And we thought we were just talking about politics and the election year...)

I said it last week in my sermon and I will say it again. Our God is on the move in new and amazing ways in the midst of all that is happening around us. These are extraordinary times, but don't forget, we worship an extraordinary God.

Take care and be safe.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Myra