



What would I do
if I could feel?

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #344	Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore Erica Plesco and Jason Sherman	*UMC
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Pastor's Welcome

Invitation to Mission

Time of Prayer	The Goetz Family
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Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering	<i>Holy Spirit</i> Laura Potter	Francesca Battistelli
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Doxology #95

Scripture	John 20:24-29 The Huber Family	**NRSV
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Message	What Would I Do If I Could Feel?	James Cogman
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Hymn #364	Because He Lives Kelsey Lockwood	UMC
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Benediction

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Betty Locke; Charlie Yago; Megan Backes; Marguerite Nowacek; Phil & Jane Button; Bill Young; Krista Conyers; Nancy Lorenz; John Wagster; Charlene Faunt; Pastor Jeff Nelson; The Riggs Family; Marguerite Horak

Prayers for our extended family: Heidi and Dan Grogan; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19; Fred Rohrbach; Nick Nicholas; Marilyn Mansfield; Scott Schell; Margaret O'Donnell; Don, Ann, & Michael Anderson; Pam Payne; Kris Beachum

Senior Spotlight: Robert & Christine Hall

Sympathy to Kris Hanstrom on the death of her cousin, Mary Lou Schell.

Sympathy to Al & Myra Polard on the death of their nephew, Michael Anderson.

Sympathy to Kory & Andy Showers on the death of Kory's grandfather, Harold Adams, April 11.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Nick Nicholas on his death, April 15.

Sympathy to Jennie & Vince Notarantonio on the death of her father, Brad Hubert, April 15.

Sympathy to Kelsey & Mark Lockwood on the death of Kelsey's grandmother, Frances Collins, April 17.

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

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am watching the snowfall. I call this the annual "daffodils" snow. It seems that every year, just as the spring flowers start to bloom, there is at least one more snow. What I love about those spring flowers is that they are hearty. It is true that some of the blooms will not survive the snow and cold, but the flowers themselves are fine and ready to bloom again. This quarantine feels like the snow that has frozen life, as we have known it. Blooms will be lost, but we are strong and resilient and when this is behind us, we will be ready to bloom again. Do not forget that we are strong, strong in our faith, strong in our commitment to God and to each other. The things I love most about our church family is we are always there for one another.

One quick note about a potential scam. I am hearing from other pastors that there is a scam going around. People are contacted by text from someone claiming to be their pastor (the scammers have the pastor's name) and asking you to send money to help feed the hungry by buying a gift card or sending money to a website. **NEITHER YOUR PASTOR NOR YOUR CHURCH WILL EVER ASK YOU TO BUY A GIFT CARD OR GIVE MONEY VIA TEXT. WE ALWAYS ASK THAT ANY OFFERINGS BE GIVEN DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH.** I am not aware that this has happened in our congregation, but I want you all to be aware so that no one falls victim to this scam.

I know many of you saw Annette Wahl's workshop last Wednesday night called *Unafraid: Tough Decisions in this Tough Time*. Annette talked about what to expect if you go to the hospital with the virus and what we can do right now to make sure we are prepared. We are so grateful to Annette for

bringing this message to her church family. If you were not able to watch it on Wednesday night, you can still watch the workshop at rofum.org/unafraid.

We invite you to worship with us this Sunday. We are livestreaming at 9 am and 11 am. Go to rofum.org/live. Pastor James is bringing us a post Easter message on doubting Thomas, a powerful topic in this season of confusion and doubt. You do not want to miss that.

Our Children Youth and Families team continue to offer ways for our children and youth to connect.

- Grab and Go Sunday School is available every weekend at the 7th Street door. It includes a Bible story, discussion questions and an activity.
- Youth Group meets on line every Sunday night. Middle school youth gather on line at 6:30 pm and high school youth at 7:30 pm. (contact Bridget Nelson at bnelson@rofum.org for the Zoom link if you want to join in)

Our Calling Circle of Care continues. A special thank you to our “callers”, your work is so important in this time of continued quarantine. Thank you and keep calling!

While many of our Grow Groups are continuing to meet online during the quarantine, we will be launching new groups in May. More information to come. If you have not been in a group, I hope you will consider coming on board in our spring session.

The Covid-19 virus continues to plague our community and our church. May we continue to hold tight as a church family during this difficult time. May we hold each other close in thoughts and prayers. May we cling to the love and comfort and the peace that passes our understanding that God offers to each of us. I will continue to close with this: Don't just shelter in place; shelter in Peace.

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Myra". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Pastor" and "Myra" being capitalized and prominent.