



ESTHER

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| Prelude | <i>Flower Duet (from 'Lakmé')</i> Debi Szeliga | Leo Delibes |
| Hymn #577 | God of Grace and God of Glory Kelsey Lockwood, Songleader | *UMH |
| Pastor's Welcome | | |
| Invitation to Mission | | |
| Mother's Day Slide Show | | |
| Time of Prayer | | Joan Johnson |
| Offering Our Gifts and Tithes | | |
| Musical Offering | <i>Ho-Ho-Ho-Hosanna</i> Children of Holy Cow | Traditional |
| Doxology #95 | | UMH |
| Scripture | Esther 4:10-17 Sandy Davis | *NRSV |
| Message | Claim Your Power | Myra Moreland |
| Song | <i>Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)</i> Laura Potter, Soloist | |
| Benediction | | |

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Paula Derkowski; Joe Waisanen Jr; Janet Cork; Grace Perkins; Bob & Michele Prud'homme; Crystal Clark; Marian Kremer; 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

Prayers for our extended family: Pam Payne; Karen Goddard; Tim Bell; Bernice Amell; Laurie Harris Wiener; Heidi and Dan Grogan; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19; Marilyn Mansfield; Scott Schell; Margaret O'Donnell; Don & Ann Anderson; Kris Beachum

Senior Spotlight: Flora James

Sympathy to the family of Fred Rohrbach on his death, April 26.

Sympathy to the Hinman family on the death of their Mother-In-Law and Grandmother, Suzanne Robidoux, April 26.

Sympathy to the family of Marguritte Horak on her death, April 27.

Sympathy to the Hughes and Peltier families on the death of Suzanne Hughes, April 28.

Sympathy to Astrea Nader on the death of her cousin Nick Romano, April 29.

Sympathy to Robert & Linda Spahr-Lyons on the death of Robert's Brother, Ron Lyons.

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

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

And so it goes... the stay at home order has been extended until the end of the month and our church building continues to be locked down. Please know that the spirit of our congregation continues to move all around us as we gather on phone calls, emails, zoom meetings, and in prayer. We continue to feed the hungry every day. We are operating with "quarantine" restrictions on how we make and distribute the sack lunches, but know that those who need food are receiving it.

We have also learned that our friends at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative need some extra help. The shelves in their Free Store are running low; many of their shelves are bare. Therefore, we are planning a Pentecost extravaganza for Saturday, May 30th. Actually, we are calling it a Pentecost Parade to benefit Redford Brightmoor. We are asking all of you to purchase any of the items listed below and bring them to the Tower entrance of the church on 7th Street, Saturday, May 30th from 9 am until noon. (Our mission's team will get the items to the Free Store that afternoon.) Remember this is a Pentecost Parade, so we are asking that you dress in red and decorate your vehicle... red streamers are encouraged. Drop off your items and circle around the church, there will be a lot of folks (masked and at safe distances) cheering you on. Expect to see pictures on Pentecost Sunday (May 31).

Here are the items needed at Redford Brightmoor:

- NON-PERISHABLE FOOD: peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, pasta, tuna etc.
- PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: toilet paper, Kleenex, soap
- BABY CARE: diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, etc

All week, we have been focusing on the Unsung Hero, Esther. Esther is the beautiful Jewish queen who risks her life and saves her people. So what does a young Jewish girl in 5th century Persia have to do with us? The answer is: a lot. There is a powerful message in this Old Testament story as God calls us to find our divine purpose even in times of struggle. Join me on Sunday as we ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and our minds to the message of Esther and to help us take that message out into the world.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Meya