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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>The Pure Michigan Theme</i> Jennifer Semivan	Rachel Portman
Hymn #98	To God Be the Glory Beth Simms, Songleader	*UMH
Pastor's Welcome		
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry	<i>Home (from Beauty and the Beast)</i> John Bennett	Menken/Rice
Time with Children		
Time of Prayer		Crystal Reed
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i> Members of Sanctus Choir	Traditional
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Genesis 50:15-20 Michael Spath	**NRSV
Message	A Clean Slate	James Cogman
Song	<i>Wide Enough For Me</i> Erica Plesco	
Benediction		

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Daphne Mitchell; Paula Derkowski; Joe Waisanen Jr; 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: Betty Lawson

Sympathy to the family of Janet Cork on her death, May 15.

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

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This week we are focusing on the Unsung Hero, Joseph. In this story from the book of Genesis, a teenage boy was thrown into a pit and sold into slavery by his brothers. In our daily devotionals and our Grow Groups, we have been talking about Joseph all week. One thing that stood out to me is how Joseph became the man God intended for him to be in the midst of his greatest struggle. Joseph the privileged and favored teen was pretty obnoxious, but Joseph the victim, the slave and the prisoner rose to the occasion. He was beloved and trusted wherever his life took him. In the end, Joseph played a key role in saving thousands of people from starvation.

I hope you will join us online this Sunday as Pastor James brings the message on Joseph. Once again we will have some special videos as we work to connect with as many of you as possible. If you would like to be a part of our service by recording a prayer or a greeting or even just a "welcome wave" photo, please let us know. Email me at mmoreland@rofum.org or Debi Szeliga at dszeliga@rofum.org. I say this every week, because it is true: seeing your faces and hearing your voices warms my heart.

Our Pentecost Parade to benefit the Redford Brightmoor Initiative is coming up. Wear red, decorate your car and come to the church on Saturday, May 30th between 9 am and noon to drop off items for the Redford Brightmoor Free Store. Remember, we are collecting:

- 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

If you cannot drive to the church and have items to add to the collection, let us know and we will come and pick them up.

I want you all to know that you are in my prayers in this extraordinary time of quarantine and isolation. Please be safe and stay well, and please let me know if there is anything that your pastors or your church can do to help you. We are indeed, in this together. My prayer is that each of us will hear God in new ways and that like Joseph, we will emerge from this struggle stronger and more determined to live the lives God has intended for us.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Meyer