

The image features the text "Joyful in Noise" in a stylized, white, outlined font. The word "Joyful" is written in a cursive script, while "in Noise" is in a clean, sans-serif font. The text is set against a solid yellow background. Behind the text, there are numerous vertical blue lines of varying heights and thicknesses, creating a textured, noise-like effect.

Joyful in Noise

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RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: James Respecki; Kevin Lasky; Bruce and Ginny Conrad; Jenny Lowman; Lee Hoffmann; Inge Wichers; Betty Latimer; Barb Nicholas; Sue Parisi-Reid; Dick LaCombe; 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: Lucy Sieck; Jamie Radick; Pat Callahan; Pam Payne; Tim Bell; Laurie Harris Wiener; Heidi and Dan Grogan; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19; Marilyn Mansfield; Margaret O'Donnell; Don & Ann Anderson

Senior Spotlight: Karen Parke

Sympathy to Brian and Trish Lambert on the death of Brian's father, Harold Lambert.

Sympathy to Astrid and Andrew Harrod on the death of Astrid's father Christen Oystein Hauer.

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

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As we wrap up the Joyful Noise series, we come to enter the "gates"... you know, the gates where we are called to enter with thanksgiving. This week we are looking at what it means to enter the gates of God's kingdom. Equally as important we are looking at the things that we need to leave behind... leave outside the gate, the things that keep us from connecting with God and with each other.

We are also passing through another kind of gate this weekend. It is our first attempt to gather as a congregation, not in the sanctuary, but in the parking lot. On Sunday, we will gather in the parking lot at 10:15 and again at 12:15 for drive-in communion. It definitely is a "toe in the water" for gathering.

I'm praying that we can prove to ourselves that we can gather safely. None of us on your church staff takes this decision to "gather" lightly. We will be wearing masks and gloves and practicing social distancing. We are asking that you:

- Drive into the parking lot and follow the parking instructions
- Stay in your car
- Wear a mask if you are the driver and will receive communion for your family

COVID-19 has been surging once again in Michigan so we will continue to move slowly on the path of coming together. We have decided that July 5 is too soon to attempt an outside lawn service. So Live on the Lawn has been postponed. We are all anxious to see each other, but we can't let that push us to come together too soon.

We continue with our online services. This week there are some very special moments with Pastor James Cogman and Pastor George Marck, as we say goodbye and wish them well in their new ministries.

Please join us online at 9 am or 11 am. When each service has ended, you'll have just enough time to hop in your car and come to the parking lot for our drive-in communion.

Please be safe and I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Neya