

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 rhythmic, musical pattern that suggests sound or noise.

# Joyful in Noise

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i> Debi Szeliga	Anna L. Page
Choral Introit	<i>Great is the Lord</i> Members of Sanctus Choir	Clark Kimberling
Pastor's Welcome		
Call to Worship		
Song #657	This is the Day Shaelyn and Braeden Simms	*UMH
Invitation to Mission		
Children's Moment		
Leenhouts Scholarship		
Time of Prayer		Susan Shepherd
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Be a Light</i> Laci Marie Basel	Thomas Rhett
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	1 Peter 1:6-9 Krista Conyers	**NRSV
Message	Putting the Joy into our Noise	Myra Moreland
Song	<i>Joy of the Lord</i> Erica Plesco and Jason Sherman	
Benediction		

\* United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\* New Revised Standard Version

## RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Sue Parisi-Reid; Cindy Vandermark; 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; 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

**Senior Spotlight:** Don & Marilyn McCreedy

**Sympathy** to the family of Zenovia Courtney on her death, June 3.

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our  
Pastoral Care Team at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This week we are launching a new series: Joyful Noise. That may seem strange against the backdrop of racism and violence we have experienced this past week. In the midst of these struggles, God still calls us to make a joyful noise, but not always in a celebratory way. This week we are looking at that deep-seeded joy that is the God and the good inside each of us and through our “noise” we connect with the God and the good in all those around us. Joyful noise is connectional; it is restorative. I read a quote this week: “The joy of the Lord is found on the road to restoration.” That’s the kind of joyful noise we will be exploring this week.

I ask you, “Where did you find hope this week?” I found hope in the protestors, the peaceful protestors who took to the streets day after day, despite the violence that erupted around them, despite the unjust arrests, despite the pushing and the shoving. The peaceful protestors showed up day after day, undeterred, and that gave me hope. Racism and the unnecessary use of force in our law enforcement are national issues. Yet there were cities where police

officers and sheriffs and commissioners knelt in the middle of the streets and marched arm in arm with the protestors. That gave me hope. Here at my house, neighbors dropped by all week, just to say “we’re glad to be your neighbors,” words of encouragement for our biracial household. That gave me hope.

A few announcements:

Don’t forget the Talent Show next Friday, June 12, at 1 pm. It’s a Zoom talent show. If you want to perform, please contact Debi Szeliga at [dszeliga@rofum.org](mailto:dszeliga@rofum.org). The link to join the zoom and just watch will be on our website at [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links). Thank you, Allison Harris, for taking the lead to bring us together in such a fun way.

Our next Pastor’s Chat is scheduled for noon on June 21. These “chats” were launched to answer questions and get to know those who are new to our movement, but we have found that many of you would like to join in as well. That is a wonderful thing. There is a lot going on in our world, and if you want to just chat with your pastors, please join us. Let us know if you are interested, and we’ll make sure to send you the zoom link.

Our time with Pastor James is coming to an end, far too quickly. James is headed to Bethel United Methodist in Flint, where he will serve as the lead pastor. James jumped into ministry at Royal Oak in a big way, despite the quarantine and his limited time with us. In a short time, James has made a big impact on our community. We want to show our appreciation for James with a love offering. If you would like to participate, you can go online and click “love gift” or send your check to the church (make sure to put “Love Offering” in the memo.)

Finally, the world around us is opening up. We have a plan for how we will reopen in stages. That plan will be emailed and mailed out next week. Look for it and let us know if you have any questions. We continue to worship online this Sunday, but know that we are working hard to find an alternative way to gather safely in the next few weeks. Hang in there... we all miss each other, but we want to make sure everyone remains healthy and safe.

Grace and Peace

*Pastor Meya*