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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *On Eagles Wings* Michael Joncas  
Arr. Mark Hayes

Pastor's Welcome

Hymn #383 This Is A Day of New Beginnings \*UMH  
Youth Band

Invitation to Mission

Time of Prayer Robin Oesterwind

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering *It Is You* Peter Furler

Doxology #95 UMH

Scripture Matthew 14:22-33 \*\*CEB

Message How Do You Know It's Really Jesus? Jeff Nelson

Song #2130 The Summons \*\*\*FWS

Benediction

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Common English Bible

\*\*\*Faith We Sing

# RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Carol Hardt; Mike Monte; Pat Blagg; Joan Johnson; Krista Conyers; Dave & Sue Minch; Jan Carlson; Marilyn Hocking; James Respecki; Kevin Lasky; Bruce and Ginny Conrad; Jenny Lowman; Lee Hoffmann; Inge Wichers; Betty Latimer; Barb Nicholas; Sue Parisi-Reid; Dick LaCombe; Paula Derkowski; Joe Waisanen Jr; Crystal Clark; Marian Kremer; Betty Locke; Bill Young; John Wagster; The Riggs Family

**Prayers for our extended family:** Bonnie Politowski; Effie Lambros; Linda Baker; Steve & Peggy Zelonium; Lorraine Bowden; Joal Brown; Tracy & Paul; 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

**Sympathy** to the family of former member Bruce Politowski on the event of his death, August 11.

**Senior Spotlight:** Charles White

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,

As the little campfire song reminds us, "The church is the People."

So, how do the people of the church gather and stay connected in the midst of a global pandemic?

That is the question we are all seeking to answer.

Last week we announced our Small Church gatherings, opportunities for groups of up to 10 to come together for a time of sharing, prayer, and Holy Communion. We know that, for some, gathering in person is not possible. So we want to offer the chance to come together virtually.

That is why we are excited to announce that the Zoom Prayer Room will be open on Tuesday, August 25, at both 10 am and 7 pm. This will be a chance

to "see" each other, listen to each other's and the congregation's needs and concerns, receive a word inspiration from the scriptures, and then be joined together in prayer.

An invitation with all the necessary instructions and links will be sent out by email on Monday. If you want or need help learning to use the technology, please give Danielle Moody a call (248) 541-4100 ext. 1315 and she will help you get connected.

I was reminded of the importance of these connections in a text exchange I had with Ray Blessman, one of our church leaders, this past week. In his message, Ray suggested that we all needed a day of mourning because, as he said, we have had "so many losses that just couldn't be addressed properly."

I think Ray speaks the truth about what many of us are experiencing in this season. We need a place and people where we can be honest about how hard some of this is, and we need a place and a people where we know we are loved and where we know we can love others.

We are hopeful that the Zoom Prayer Room will give us that space.

Please gather with us when and how you can.

"See" you this weekend in worship.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Jodi". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.