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ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing*

Pastor's Welcome

Hymn #715 Rejoice the Lord is King *UMH

Invitation to Mission

Celebration of Baptism Miles Burkett
Child of

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering *Evidence*
Laci Basel

Doxology #95 UMH

Scripture Matthew 22:1-14 **CEB
Chris & Christie Mikell

Message How Not to Plan a Party! Jeff Nelson

The Lord's Supper

Hymn #577 God of Grace and God of Glory UMH

Benediction

* United Methodist Hymnal
** New Revised Standard Version

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Office is Open!

Beginning this week, the church office is open Monday-Friday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. If you would like to visit the office, please call ahead so we can be ready for you. Masks are required at all times inside the building.

You can find more information on our strategies for reopening the church on our website at rofum.org/reopening. Each week, that information will be updated and mailed to the congregation. Please contact the office at office@rofum.org or 248-541-4100 if you have any questions.

October Hygiene Collection

Our lunch program serves approximately 100 meals each week to people experiencing hunger and homelessness in our community. Throughout the month of October, we are collecting personal hygiene items to make sure that, in addition to food, the people we serve always have access to deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, razors, etc. to help keep them clean. Drop off your donations of travel-sized personal hygiene items at the church during the lunch program, Monday through Friday, 10:30-11:30 am. These small items that so many of us take for granted make a real difference in the lives of the people we serve.

New Fall Yard Signs

We have two new yard-sign designs available as we enter into our Fall/Winter seasons: "Don't Stop Believing" and "Praying for our Teachers/Students". These two new signs, along with our consistent message of "God Loves You (and there's nothing you can do about it)" are available on a first come basis. If you would like a sign but are unable to pick-up from church, please call the office to make arrangements.

Mailing List Sign Ups

While we are kept apart by the pandemic, our prayers and concerns continue to grow. If you would like to receive a weekly update on the prayer list, sign up at rofum.org/maillinglist or contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Inge Wichers; Betty Lawson; Marilyn McCreedy; Pam Ortnier; George Bard; Betty Locke; Joyce Hollingsworth; Jan Carlson; Karen Porter; Nancy Lorenz; Cathy Baker; Linda Jones; Kim Frentz; Greg Umstead; John Wagster; Peggy Gill; Diana Shornak; 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; Bill Young; The Riggs Family

Prayers for our extended family: Sheila & Marty Boyer; Pam Payne; Richard Evans; Richard Nahhat; Mary Jo Cady; Teresa Baker; Joleen Duprey; Mike Pilon; Kathy Kearns; Bonnie Politowski; Effie Lambros; Steve & Peggy Zelonium; Lorraine Bowden; Joal Brown; Tracy & Paul; Lucy Sieck; Pat Callahan; Pam Payne; Tim Bell; Laurie Harris Wiener; Heidi and Dan Grogan; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19; Margaret O'Donnell; Don & Ann Anderson

Senior Spotlight: Robert & Christine Hall

Sympathy to Sam and Mary Nahhat on the death of Sam's brother, Richard Nahhat, October 4.

Sympaty to Audrey Fick on the death of her sister-in-law, Emma Makinen, October 4.

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

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

In this season of so much change, we continue to work hard to find ways to reopen our building and return a little bit of "normalcy" to our life together.

Office Reopening:

Beginning this week our staff will return to work in the office. The church offices will be open from 10:00-3:00 Monday through Friday. The operations, program and pastoral staff will be on hand to answer phones and respond to

messages as well as host meetings of groups of up to 15. Please visit the church website for more information about our office reopening.

Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings:

We are able to expand our support to our church family with pastoral and worship support for these important moments. In the past month, we hosted baptism services for Miles Burkett, Harrison Sommers, Terri Root, and John Spath. We will be sharing highlights of these services in upcoming online worship services. We were able to host the Wurdock family and some of their close friends for a celebration of life for Dian, a long-term member and leader of our congregation. It was an important moment of remembering the saints who we have helped build our movement. We will continue to improve our streaming capabilities so those unable to attend in person can participate online. And we just scheduled our first, small wedding ceremony for mid-November.

Confirmation:

Last Saturday night, I was present while Bridget and Danielle hosted 11 of our 8th and 9th graders in our parlor to begin a yearlong journey of faith formation. It was good to see their eyes (everybody wearing their masks) and catch up on how they are all doing with school in these interesting times. As we told the stories of the Wesleys and the founding of Methodism, it really felt good to be doing God's work in God's House.

Each of these steps has been made possible by our dedicated staff and all our shared accountability to keeping each other safe. We are hoping that our success with these steps will make it possible for us to provide in person, indoor worship in the near future.

Thank you for your patience.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink. The word "Pastor" is written in a cursive style, and "Jeff" is written in a more stylized, looped cursive. Below the word "Pastor" is a simple smiley face drawn with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.