



# SNEAKY JESUS

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

*Give Thanks*  
Tim Schoenherr

Pastor's Welcome

Hymn #89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
Members of Sanctus

\*UMH

Invitation to Mission

Celebration of Baptism

*Harrison Somers*  
Child of Michael and Karly Somers  
*Terri Root*

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering

*Peace Be Still*

Laura Potter

Doxology #95

UMH

Scripture

Matthew 11:2-6  
Julie Sleeman

\*\*NRSV

Message

Sneaky Jesus

Myra Moreland

Song

*We Fall Down*  
House Band

Benediction

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Christmas Greens Sale for Music Guild**

Music Guild green sale benefits our summer choir camp program to help offset the cost to ensure camp is affordable for every child. You can place your pre-paid orders at [rofum.org/greens](http://rofum.org/greens) or by calling the church office at 248-541-4100.

## **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.

## **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](http://rofum.org/maillinglist) or contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).

# RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Greg Umstead; Marian Kremer; Shirley Gnegy; Inge Wichers; Betty Lawson; Marilyn McCreedy; Pam Ortner; George Bard; Jan Carlson; Karen Porter; Nancy Lorenz; Cathy Baker; Linda Jones; Kim Frentz; John Wagster; Diana Shornak; Carol Hardt; Krista Conyers; Dave & Sue Minch; Marilyn Hocking; James Respecki; Kevin Lasky; Lee Hoffmann; Joe Waisanen Jr; Crystal Clark; The Riggs Family

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

**Senior Spotlight:** Flora James

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,

It is so great to be back with you with weekend, even virtually. It seems like that is pretty much my life these days as it is for so many of you. I'm in virtual school, making new virtual friends and once again I'll be preaching to all of you this Sunday via YouTube. It is easy in this virtual world to feel isolated and cut off from the world, but we get glimpses that the world is still spinning. We know that good things are happening for sure, but the injustices of the world are going strong as well. Feeding America estimates that 17 million people have been added to the already 34 million in our country who are hungry or do not know where the next meal is coming from. There is no pause button on hunger.

We are looking at Matthew 11:2-6 this weekend. It's the passage where John the Baptist sends his disciples to Jesus to ask him if he's the "one." In the response we hear Jesus defined himself and his ministry. He said "Go and see. See the things I have done." How might Jesus be saying that to us, as well? And, do we find ourselves asking, "am I doing the "one" thing that God

put me on this earth to do? When it comes to our mission on this earth, each of us is the “one”... the one that God placed here with unique gifts and talents to continue God’s work on earth. We’ll talk more about this on Sunday.

I’m also going to share with you a special day I had when Sister Helen Prejean, the woman who wrote the book “Dead Man Walking” which was made into an academy awarding winning movie. She came to Vanderbilt Divinity School (virtually, of course) and my classmates and I spent the day hearing about how she heard the voice of Jesus saying “go and see.” Her respond to that call has put her on the forefront of major political and social issues in this country. It’s a fascinating story; can’t wait to share it with you.

See you Sunday, everyone. Stay safe.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Meyer*