

Entering the Passion:
Risky Love



***Risking
Righteous
Anger***

FEBRUARY 28, 2021
ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
Carillon Ringers

Pastor's Welcome

Hymn# 2236 Gather Us In * TFWS
Liz Wright

Invitation to Mission Erica Plesco

Time of Prayer Crystal Reed

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering *We Are Called*
Sandy Prokopp

Scripture Mark 11:15-19 **CEB

Message Risking Righteous Anger Jeff Nelson

Closing Song *Do Something*
House Band

Benediction

* The Faith We Sing
** Common English Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Missions Collection

This winter, we are working hard to keep people warm. In January, we collected over 200 blankets. In February, we are collecting underwear and long underwear in men's sizes, large and extra-large. If you would like to help with this mission, you can drop off your donations at the church office Monday-Thursday, 10-3, or you can make a financial contribution at rofum.org/giving, and we will do the shopping for you.

Pastor Chat

February 28, 12:30 pm

Pastor Chats are an opportunity for people who are new or visiting the church to ask any questions you may have about our church and community. If you are interested in participating in our virtual Pastor Chat on Zoom, you can call the church office or contact Bridget Nelson at bnelson@rofum.org to RSVP.

Men's Retreat

March 5 & 6

Calling all the men of the church! It's been too long since we were able to get together and be in fellowship with one another. Join Pastor Jeff online for this chance for men to connect with God and each other! No preparation necessary, just a Zoom-friendly device and some time to share with other men from your church family. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Drive-In Communion

March 7, 10:30 am

This Lenten season, we are offering as many opportunities as possible to come together safely in worship. Join us for music and communion in the church parking lot.

Week of Prayer

March 15-18

One of the hardest parts of this pandemic is being away from our sanctuary. Find a time this week to come in, spend some time in the sanctuary and pray for the people in your life, the people in our church, and our community and world. This can be for an individual or a household group. There will be music playing and a candle you can light. Join us in this special week of prayer and reconnecting with our most sacred space. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Enneagram Retreat

March 26 & 27

One of the most ancient spiritual ways of understanding human beings is the Enneagram. Whether you already know “your number” or not, come learn about this enlightening tool of self-discovery. We will be led by Laura Witkowski from the Michigan Conference staff, who has been trained in helping others grow through the Enneagram. [Click here to sign up.](#)

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

March 28

Watch our Palm Sunday worship services at 9 and 11 am or join us at 10:30 am on the church lawn to gather, wave our palms, and make a ruckus as we celebrate Jesus’ arrival in Jerusalem.

Holy Thursday

April 1

Watch our 7 pm online worship service or come to the church lawn at 7 pm for a hymn sing and partake in communion as we commemorate Jesus’ last meal with his disciples.

Good Friday Worship

April 2

Join us at 12 pm on the church lawn for an impactful in-person Good Friday worship service remembering Jesus' final day.

7 Last Words Preached

April 2

Tune in at 12 pm to this collaborative worship experience with preachers and musicians from area churches lifting up Jesus' last words on the cross.

7 Last Words Poetry Slam

April 2

You don't want to miss this live-streamed event at 7 pm, where poets and musicians muse on Christ's last words. Unique, poignant, and compelling, the 7 Last Words Poetry Slam offers insights into Christ's humanity and divinity in his final moments.

Easter

April 4

Easter Sunday is finally here! Celebrate the resurrection with us for an in-person worship celebration on the church lawn at 10:30 am. Be sure to watch the Children's Easter Play at 8 am on our website and our Easter worship services at 9 and 11 am.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Ed Cline; Fred Bowden; Sue Minch; Christine Ryckman; Cecelia Tamm; Nate Grose; Bob Giles; Marilyn McCreedy; Neil Franks; Bruce Conrad; Carol Hardt; Jeff Harris; Joe & Jean Foster; Bill Howell; Peggy Waisanen; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Kristin Frey; Janice Martin; Todd Menig; Marian Kremer; Nancy Lorenz

Prayers for our extended family: Ronald Avesian; Julie Leigh; Bill Mason; Paul Edward; Tim Bell; Darryl Warren; Steve Zemonian; Troy & Amber DuPrey; Sue Sugden; Lori Karoitt; Mary Ann Standing; Scott R; Laurella Perser; Paul Brown; Jim Brown; Tara Bouck; Sally Sou; John McClure; Mary Sleeman; Cheryl & Jimmy Clark; Anthonne Tracy; Mary Jo Cady; Teresa Baker; Kathy Kearns; Lorraine Bowden; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19

Senior Spotlight: Howard Emorey

Sympathy to Don & Nancy Matson and Jane Walbridge for the death of Don's sister and Jane's aunt, Nancy Lee Matson, February 19.

Sympathy to the Yago family for the death of Marlene Yago's mother, Carol, February 24.

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

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I have said before and I will say again, "We miss you!"

Going this long without being together has been hard. And while we believe that we are turning a corner (fingers crossed), we still have a ways to go before we will be gathering for worship, fellowship, and service. That is why when it came to our Lenten planning, we went out of our way to create several virtual and in-person, outdoor gatherings so that we can stay connected.

Our first outdoor gathering was Ash Wednesday and it was truly a blessing! I will be honest; I was really second-guessing myself that morning. I was certain only a handful would drive by for ashes and communion. By the time, the day was done nearly 100 of you stopped by to begin your Lenten journey. Seeing and praying with you was a powerful experience for me. And again, it just reminded me how much you are missed and how good it is to be together - even when we are apart.

I say all this because I really want you to come to our next in-person, outdoor gathering. Next Sunday, March 7, at 10:30 am we will have Drive-In Communion. It is the first Sunday of the month and we want to celebrate the sacrament together. We will be doing this event in our parking lot. We have an FM radio transmitter so we will be broadcasting right into your car. This means we can sing together - and I have to tell you, I miss singing. The service will be about 30 - 40 minutes. It will be so nice to "be together." On Ash Wednesday, we were reminded that when we create these sacred, outdoor moments it gives hope to our neighborhood and community. So, doing this together in our parking lot reminds our neighbors that God is still at work healing and reconciling the world. Please plan to join us next week.

The picture below is the message that is on our front lawn right now. Thanks to Paul Kremer, our resident carpenter and all-around good guy, we have been able to share another positive message with our community. Our message is simple - Love Wins! Almost every day a car stops and someone gets out and takes a picture. People are desperate for signs of hope these days. And the truth is, they still look to us.

Let's be the sign of hope.

See you Sunday online and hopefully next week in the parking lot!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff
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