


A Gratitude Parade



MARCH 28, 2021
ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i> Jennifer Semivan	arr. Philip Keveren
Pastor's Welcome		
Hymn	All Glory Laud and Honor Tim Schoenherr	
Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco
Time of Prayer		Rosa Moody
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	Children's Violin Offering	
Scripture	Mark 11:1-11	*CEB
Message	A Gratitude Parade	Jeff Nelson
Closing Song	<i>The Holy City</i> Jenni Clark	
Benediction		

* Common English Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Missions Collection

The lunch program is a cornerstone ministry of our church. Each weekday we hand out bagged lunches and hot meals to approximately 35 people in our community experiencing food insecurity or homelessness. This month, we are collecting pudding, jello, applesauce, and fruit cups; and juice boxes or pouches to include in the bagged lunches. You can drop off your donations at the church Monday-Thursday, 10-3, or you can make a financial contribution at rofum.org/giving, and we will do the shopping for you.

Palm Sunday

March 28

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

Holy Thursday

April 1

Stop by the church 4-7 pm for Drive-Up Communion then watch our online worship service as we commemorate Jesus' last meal with his disciples.

Good Friday Worship

April 2

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

7 Last Words Preached

April 2

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

Carry-Out Fish Dinner

April 2

You can get a taste of Royal Oak First's Famous Fish Fry. For only \$11, you will get ½ lb. of cod, a baked potato, and coleslaw. All carry-outs will be brought to your car through the Tower Entrance on 7th Street.

[Click here to sign up for a pick-up time.](#)

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 in the church parking lot 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: Nancy Lorenz; Betty Lawson; Shery & Bob Giles; Mark Thatcher; Bruce Conrad; Christine Ryckman; Abby Tripoli; Logan Haines; Roger Johnson; Lucille Evans; Ed Cline; Fred Bowden; Marilyn McCreedy; Neil Franks; Carol Hardt; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Kristin Frey; Marian Kremer

Prayers for our extended family: Vanessa & Katelyn Elrod; Joe Dorsey; Bret Thatcher; Michael McFarlane; Effie Lambros; Leslie Inch; Joe Percy; Mike J; Tim Bell; Patricia Callahan; Mike Carr; Chad Ludtke; Paul Edward; Darryl Warren; Troy & Amber DuPrey; Sue Sugden; Lori Karoitt; Scott R; Tara Bouck; Sally Sou; John McClure; 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: Flora James

Congratulations to Christina Wright & Steve Crepeau for the birth of their son, Ezra Julian Wright Crepeau, March 19.

Sympathy to Mike McNutt for the death of his mother, Sukie McNutt, March 18.

Sympathy to Andrew Lindblom for the death of his grandfather, John Bedrava, March 18.

Sympathy to Donna Yates for the death of her uncle, Ronald Avesian, March 19.

Sympathy to Jennifer Tripoli for the death of her grandmother, Gertrude Geiger, March 20.

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

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. This is the week we remember and celebrate the culminating events in the life of Jesus. Before this week is over, we will be present at a parade, sit at the table to share a meal, and be witness at the cross. We take this journey knowing that, come next Sunday, we will stand at the foot of an empty tomb and marvel at the possibilities that come with new life and new beginnings.

So welcome to Holy Week. For the second year, we will do this week in ways different from previous years. We are offering a combination of online and in-person experiences. Let me use this space to highlight what is happening this week.

Palm Sunday

- Online Worship at rofum.org/live at both 9:00 and 11:00 am
- Parking Lot Service at 10:30 am

Holy Thursday

- Online Worship with Communion and Hymn Sing at rofum.org/live at 7:00 pm
- Drive-up Communion and Prayer from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Lafayette Entrance

Good Friday

- Parking Service at 12:00 pm
- Online Worship 12:00-3:00 pm Tune in to rofum.org/live any time during and you will find prayer, preaching and music. James Coleman will be preaching and should be on around 2:00 pm. This service will be available all day afterwards on our YouTube Channel.
- 7 Last Word Poetry and Music 7:00 pm live streamed at rofum.org/live.
- Fish Fry - Carryout available from 4:30-7:00 pm. [Click here to reserve your spot.](#)

Easter Sunday

- Online Worship at rofum.org/live at 9:00 and 11:00 am
- Parking Lot Service 10:30 am

We are glad to be able to offer a variety of ways to connect with the most powerful moments of our faith story.

The season is different but thank God, the story remains the same.

Grace and Peace,

