



**DOUBT
ISN'T ALL
BAD**

APRIL 11, 2021
ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Christ is Risen</i> Tim Schoenherr	arr. Ruth Elain Schram
Pastor's Welcome		
Hymn #2196	We Walk By Faith Joan Johnson	*TFWS
Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco
Time of Prayer		Kathy Seidler
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>On Jordan's Stormy Banks</i> Joan Johnson	
Scripture	John 20:19-20, 24-29	*NIV
Message	Doubt Isn't All Bad	Brian Wright
Song	How Great Thou Art House Band	
Benediction		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Missions Collection

Certain things are necessities. Everyone needs cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, and weather protection, but not everyone is able to get them. Many of these crucial supplies are not covered by assistance programs like food stamps. This spring, we are collecting rain ponchos, deodorant (especially men's deodorant), cotton swabs, dish soap, all-purpose cleaning spray, sponges, cleaning pails, and travel-size personal wipes. If you would like to help us with this collection, you can drop off your donations at the church Monday-Thursday, 10-3, or you can make a monetary contribution at rofum.org/giving.

In-Person Worship

Beginning April 18, 9 am

We are thrilled to begin our 7-week pilot program to bring back in-person worship. This will be a chance to ease back into in-person community life, to learn about best practices, and make the necessary adjustments moving forward. In order to keep everyone safe, attendance will be limited to 50 people. Nursery care will be available for preregistered children age 4 and under. [Click here to sign up for worship.](#)

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Diane Sexton; Julie Baker; Nancy Lorenz; Betty Lawson; Sherry & Bob Giles; Mark Thatcher; Bruce Conrad; Ed Cline; Fred Bowden; Marilyn McCreedy; Neil Franks; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Kristin Frey; Marian Kremer

Prayers for our extended family: Karen White; Tony Monte; Vanessa & Katelyn Elrod; Joe Dorsey; Bret Thatcher; Michael McFarlane; Effie Lambros; Leslie Inch; Joe Pearcy; Mike J; Tim Bell; Patricia Callahan; Mike Carr; Chad Ludtke; Paul Edward; Darryl Warren; Troy & Amber DuPrey; Sue Sugden; Lori Karoitt; Scott R; Sally Sou; 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: Pecky & Vivian Lewis

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

NOTE FROM THE PREACHER

Dear Friends,

If you have ever experienced a time of uncertainty or doubt, you may find this week's discussion to be comforting. It is not unusual for us to be shaken by bad news, unexpected changes, or periods of uncertainty. God reasonably understands how we feel.

Popular Christianity can make us think that "real Christians" are invincible. With Christ-like faith, you should speak to your problems and watch them disappear...

What happens when that Christian begins to have doubts? Does doubt nullify faith?

It doesn't! And times of doubt and struggling faith do not separate us from God or remove God's blessings from us. It can lead us to a deeper faith.

If a person must always appear to have unshakable faith, what does that say about God's unconditional love? What does that say about honesty of faith?

I hope that we can experience God's grace as we walk through a process of growing through times of doubt to discover an ever-deepening faith.

Thomas was much more than his doubt. So are each and every one of us. So, let's not be afraid to let people know when we have doubts. It's honest. It's part of being a real Christian.

Be blessed.

Brian Wright