

ABIDE IN ME

MAY 2, 2021
ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>There is a Redeemer</i> Tim Schoenherr	arr. Melody Green
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Pastor's Welcome

Hymn	Lift High the Cross
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Call to Worship	Bob Goudie
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Celebration of the Ministry of Bob Goudie	Jeff Nelson & John Saffran
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Invitation to Mission

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering	<i>Goodness of God</i> Erica Plesco and Jason Sherman	Bethel Music
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Scripture	John 15:1-8	*NRSV
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Message	Abide In Me	Jeff Nelson
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Song	Your Grace is Enough House Band
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Benediction

* New Revised Standard Version

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.

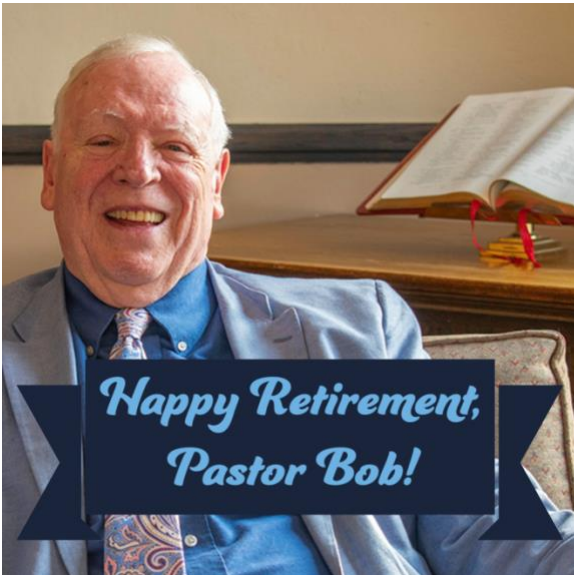
In-Person Worship

Sundays at 9 am

We are thrilled to continue 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. Sign up at rofum.org/in-person-worship.

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Farewell Pastor Bob!

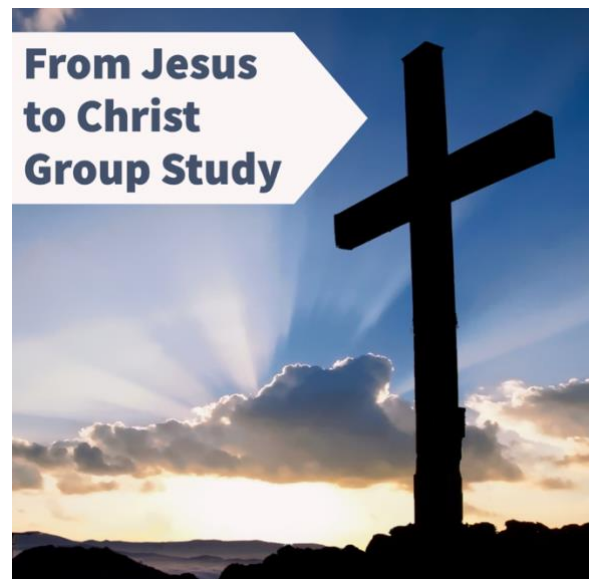
Sunday, May 2, 10:30 am – 12 pm

Our Pastor of Visitation, Rev. Bob Goudie, has made the decision to retire after more than 40 years in ministry. If you would like to join us in wishing him well in his retirement, you can come see him on his last day, May 2, for a Drive-up reception at the Lafayette entrance where you can give him your well-wishes and celebrate with a cupcake! You can also contribute to a love gift at rofum.org/giving or by sending a check to the church office.

***From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians* Documentary Study**

Beginning Monday, May 3, 7-9 pm

Our Adult Discipleship Coordinator, Joyce Hollingsworth, invites you to join a new 4-week group study on the film *From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians*. The group will watch an hour of the film each week and discuss the historical documentary series that tells us the epic story of the rise of Christianity. Visit rofum.org/study or call the church office at 248-541-4100 to sign up.





Cinco de Mayo Tacos!

Cinco de Mayo Carry-Out Tacos

Wednesday, May 5

On May 5, stop by for carry-out Street Tacos in celebration of Cinco de Mayo! Each meal is \$10 and includes 3 tacos, chips, salsa, guacamole, and sour cream. Options include shredded chicken, pulled pork, or fish. Each taco is topped with queso fresca, Asian slaw, and cilantro. Visit rofum.org/tacos or call the church office at 248-541-4100 to place your order and reserve your pick-up time.

Pentecost Party: Save the Date!

Sunday, May 23, 12-3 pm

Join us as we celebrate Pentecost with style! Food, music, and connections await us in the church parking lot. Watch this space for more details in the coming weeks.



Calling All Graduates!

If there is someone in your household graduating from high school or college, please let us know! We are preparing for a time to recognize our graduates in worship. Contact Bridget Nelson at bnelson@rofum.org with the name of the graduate and the school they are graduating from and any plans for further education or professions. We will be in touch about how we will recognize this special milestone!

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Janet Ramseyer; Florence Martin; Cindy McCarthy; Bob Russell; Carrie Morse; Diane Sexton; Nancy Lorenz; Betty Lawson; Sherry Giles; Ed Cline; Fred Bowden; Marilyn McCreedy; Marian Kremer

Prayers for our extended family: Kaylee; Karen White; Tony Monte; Vanessa & Katelyn Elrod; Bret Thatcher; Michael McFarlane; Effie Lambros; Leslie Inch; Joe Percy; Mike J; Tim Bell; Patricia Callahan; Mike Carr; Chad Ludtke; 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: Marguerite Nowacek

Sympathy to Ron Peludat for the death of his wife, Marianne, April 22.

Sympathy to Sherry Giles for the death of her husband, Robert, April 24.

Sympathy to the Tripoli family for the death of Jennifer's father, Paul Edward, April 28.

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

NOTE FROM PASTOR JEFF

Dear friends,

Let me use this space today to bring you up to date on a few things happening here at Royal Oak First.

Worship: We enter our third week of in-person worship this week. It has felt really good to be back in the sanctuary. I am so appreciative of your positivity and patience while we learn how to be together and keep each other safe. Just a reminder, if you attend in-person worship please wear your mask, practice social distancing and be patient at the end of the service (dismissal takes a minute).

For those worshipping online, we hope that the new cameras and streaming equipment will allow you to feel connected and a part of the "live" experience. If you are having any difficulties staying connected, please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know. So thankful to our worship production crew for all they have done to improve and expand our online worship experiences.

Staffing: This Sunday we will celebrate the 11-year ministry of Reverend Bob Goudie as Pastor of Visitation and Calling. Reverend Bob has made thousands of calls and visits to the members of our congregation. He has prayed for you and with you and has helped make Christ's love real. If you want to participate in the love offering for Pastor Bob you can do that at rofum.org/giving and you can be a part of our drive by reception for Bob this Sunday from 10:30 -12:00. Bob and Diana will be at the Lafayette doors to meet and greet us.

Today, I also want to announce that after six years on our staff Samantha Garrett will be leaving at the end of June to pursue the next steps in her career. Over these six years, she has played many different roles on our team. We are especially indebted to Samantha for leading us in our technological advances over the past years. Improvements to the website, social media and online worship have all taken important steps forward during her tenure. We will have time to celebrate Samantha's ministry in the weeks to come. We wanted to announce this today because finding the right person to fill these responsibilities is essential. Please see the job description at rofum.org/job and pass this along to anyone in your networks you might think would be a good fit for this position and our congregation.

Pastoral Care: This week we said our earthly goodbyes to two of our saints and the beloved parent of one of our staff. Our prayers of condolences and comfort go out to the families of Marianne Peludat and Bob Giles. We continue to walk this journey with their surviving spouses Ron and Sherry. Also, our prayers go out to Jennifer Tripoli on the death of her father Paul Edward. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers and reach out with notes and calls of sympathy and condolence.

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer, generosity and service during this season.

We are blessed to be in this together.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor J. G." with a large, stylized flourish at the end. Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.