



*Dream
On*

MAY 23, 2021
ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go</i> Tim Schoenherr	arr Rounsefell
Introit	<i>Veni Sancte Spiritus</i> Sanctus Choir Members	
Pastor's Welcome		Jeff Nelson
Hymn	Spirit of God	
Call to Worship		Faye Bond
Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Dream On</i> Ron Todd	Aerosmith
Pentecost Testimony		Al Beachum
Scripture	Acts 2:1-21	*CEB
Message	Dream On	Jeff Nelson
Song	Come Build a Church	
Benediction		

* Common English Bible

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 toilet paper, paper towel, 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.

Pentecost Party

Sunday, May 23, 12-3 pm

Join us as we celebrate Pentecost with style! We all know one of the hardest parts of this pandemic is the isolation from our family, friends, and community. This Pentecost, we are offering an outdoor celebration where we can gather safely and reconnect with our church family. Food, music, and connections await us in the church parking lot, and we can't wait to see you there!





Missions Coordinator Position Available

Mission and service are such a core value of our congregation and we are in need of the right leader to join our staff team. If you are passionate about missions, have the skill set to coordinate a great team of volunteers and have 8-10 hours a week, we would love to hear from you! The Missions Coordinator is part of our Program Team that seeks to help our congregation experience real love, make real friends and make a real difference! Please submit a cover letter and resume to Bridget Nelson bnelson@rofum.org.

Vacation Bible School

August 8-11, 6-8 pm

Kids are naturally curious, and when you're curious about who God is, it's easy to grow your relationship with Jesus. In Vacation Bible School this summer, kids will not only get curious about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — but also about the God who created it all! They'll hear from early church leaders like Paul, Peter, John, and Timothy, who helped the first Jesus-followers wonder what made their stories unique, what gifts God gave them (and how they could use those gifts to serve), what they could learn from others, and how they could spend time with God. To register your child, visit rofum.org/vbs.



In-Person Worship



In-Person Worship will continue **Sundays at 9 am through the end of May** **Sundays at 9 & 11 am starting June 6**

We are thrilled to announce that our in-person worship pilot program has been a huge success, and we will continue to offer in-person worship following the end of the program. To keep everyone safe, attendance will be limited to 50 people per service. Nursery care will be available for preregistered children age four and under. Sign up at rofum.org/in-person-worship.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Aloma Mirjah; Amy Youngquist; Maya Lane Harris; Kimberlyn Palchak; Cece Tamm; Pete Smith; Addison Frachalla; Patricia Callahan; Bill Howell; Diane Shornak; Janet Ramseyer; Florence Martin; Cindy McCarthy; Bob Russell; Carrie Morse; Diane Sexton; Nancy Lorenz; Betty Lawson; Sherry Giles; Fred Bowden; Marilyn McCreedy; Marian Kremer

Prayers for our extended family: Effie Lambros; Marc Reddekopp; Gina Mirjah; Kaylee; Karen White; Vanessa & Katelyn Elrod; Michael McFarlane; Joe Percy; Mike J; Tim Bell; Darryl Warren; Sue Sugden; Scott R; Sally Sou; Mary Jo Cady; Teresa Baker; Lorraine Bowden; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19

Senior Spotlight: Ron Peludat

Sympathy to former member Kathy Border for the death of her husband, Willard "Buddy" Border, May 3.

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

NOTE FROM PASTOR JEFF

*"In the last days, God says,
 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
 the young will see visions,
the old will dream dreams.'"*
~Acts 2:17

*"If one advances confidently in the direction of their dreams, and
endeavors to live the life which they have imagined, they will
meet with a success unexpected in common hours."*
~Henry David Thoreau

"Dream until your dream comes true..."
~Aerosmith

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is one of my favorite days of the Church year. I love Pentecost because it is a reminder of the greatest gift God has given us - the gift of the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit is the living, active presence of God among us. The Holy Spirit animated the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus. And on Pentecost, we declare that the same Holy Spirit that was in Jesus, the same Holy Spirit that raised him from the dead, that Holy Spirit also resides in you and in me!

Let that sink in: You have the Spirit of Jesus living in you - living in us!

That means we can live like Jesus, love like Jesus, bring healing and hope like Jesus, die like Jesus (surrendered into the hands of God,) and we can rise again, both in this life and the life to come, just like Jesus. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we can participate with God in transformation of our lives and our world. At its core, Pentecost Sunday is that declaration that despite everything going on around us, God is still at work in our lives and in the world!

I don't know about you, but I need Pentecost Sunday this year more than ever. And I need this day because I am ready to start dreaming again. I am ready to begin to imagine what life is going to look like for me, for the church, and for our community. I am hoping you are ready to dream again, too!

So whether you will be worshipping with us in person or at home, I hope you will get caught up in the spirit of Pentecost. Let's dream together again. And as my good friend Steve Tyler from the band Aerosmith sings so clearly, "Let's dream until the dream comes true."

Grace and Peace,



PS

Let me leave you with two important reminders:

1. Please plan to join us for the Pentecost Party in our parking lot this Sunday! There will be food trucks (one of them is a doughnut truck!!!!!!) games, music, and most importantly, there will be the chance to simply be together. The party goes from 12:00 - 3:00. The food is on us, so all we ask is that you wear something red and bring some toiletries for our pantry if you are able.
2. Beginning June 6, we will offer a second worship service at 11:00 am. You can read more about it and sign up to attend at rofum.org/in-person-worship