



THERE ARE
GIANTS
IN THE LAND

JUNE 20, 2021
ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Erica Plesco

Songs

Everlasting God
Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)
House Band

Chris Tomlin
Hillsong United

Call to Worship

Mike Matsumoto

Invitation to Mission

Time of Prayer

Brian Wright

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering

Midsummer Morning
Mike and Kimi Matsumoto

Earle J. Isaac

Doxology #95

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*UMH

Scripture

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 16, 32, 48-49, 51d

**NIV

Message

There are Giants in the Land

Brian Wright

Song

Whom Shall I Fear

C. Tomlin & E. Cash

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Summer Clothes Collection

In addition to food, our lunch program distributes clothing to those in need in our community. Summer is here, and the weather is heating up. We are getting a lot of requests for men's summer clothes to help them keep cool in the increasing heat. If you have any gently used men's summer clothing you can donate, you can drop it off at the church on Sundays during worship or during office hours Monday-Thursday, 10-3.



Backyard Gatherings

Beginning June 26

To reconnect after the pandemic, we are excited to offer six different outdoor gatherings with our church family this summer. Six families have offered their backyards for us to come together to socialize and eat! There will also be one Zoom gathering for those who would rather gather virtually.

In-person gatherings will be potluck style, so bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

Sign up online at rofum.org/backyards.

Summer Camp Registration is open!

July 19-23, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Evening activities to-be-determined

It's time to get ready for camp! If you've never been to camp before, this is a great time to start. If you have been coming to camp for years, this time will look a little different as we will be staying in Royal Oak and the camp will be during the day. There will be some pretty fantastic games, crafts, Bible study, swimming, and so much more. There is no better place to have a ton of fun and grow spiritually at the same time.

The cost for summer camp is \$80 per child. We want to make sure that cost is never a barrier to participation in our church family, so camperships are available for church members and constituents if needed. The fee includes the cost of the camp t-shirt. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.com. Register your child at rofum.org/connect/summer-camp by June 30.



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. If you have any questions, contact Christine Ryckman at cryckman@rofum.org. To register your child, visit rofum.org/vbs.



In-Person Worship



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Sundays at 9 & 11 am

As the pandemic begins to slowly roll to a close, we are able to offer more opportunities for in-person worship and connections. In order to keep everyone safe, attendance will be limited. Nursery care will be available for preregistered children age 4 and under and Sunday School will be available for preregistered children age 5-grade 5. **Through Sunday, July 4**, sign up at rofum.org/in-person-worship.

Welcome Home!

Beginning on **Sunday, July 11**, you will no longer need to make a reservation, and face masks and social distancing will be optional for both our 9:00 and 11:00 am services. We will be able to sing, greet our neighbors, and stay after worship to have a cup of coffee and catch up with our friends and maybe even make a new acquaintance or two. And of course, if you are not able to be present or not quite ready to come back, we are committed to providing a quality online worship experience through our website at rofum.org/live.



Coffee Hour

Service Opportunities



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With the building fully re-opening on July 11, we will have opportunities for you to serve. Coffee hour is an integral part of the Sunday experience and we are thrilled to be able to bring it back. If you would like to help serve, contact Mike Monte at mmonte@rofum.org.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Audrey Leenhouts; Patricia Callahan; Neil Franks; Lee Hoffmann; Todd Wells; Sarah Beth Wells; Dave Minch; Sue Minch; Aloma Mirjah; Sherry Giles; John Wagster; Bill Howell; Tom Soboleski; Maya Lane Harris; Bob Russell; Amy Youngquist; Kimberlyn Palchak; Cece Tamm; Pete Smith; Addison Frachalla; Diane Shornak; Janet Ramseyer; Florence Martin; Cindy McCarthy; Carrie Morse; Nancy Lorenz; Betty Lawson; Fred Bowden; Marian Kremer

Prayers for our extended family: Linda Morrell; Claudio Wright; Dora Jackler; Effie Lambros; Marc Reddekopp; Gina Mirjah; Kaylee; Karen White; Vanessa & Katelyn Elrod; Michael McFarlane; 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: Joe Waisanen

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

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We are all catching up on things we have put on hold or delayed for the past year. From vacations to family reunions, we are getting back to the things that needed to wait. The same is true here at the church. We are scheduling baptisms for babies (some now toddlers) that were born right before or during this past season. This weekend we celebrate the marriage of Colleen (Skelton) and Brandon Knott, who married in a very small ceremony in their backyard last summer while the sanctuary was closed. And next week, we have a memorial service for Dr. John Dorsey's daughter Carolyn who passed away last November. Also, I am very excited to tell you that after having had to cancel all summer mission trips last year, Bridget Nelson along with Dave Enerson, Steve Weber, Christine Ryckman, and Kyle Brown will be taking 26 high school and middle school students to the Motown Mission this week. Just as it is a joy to be able to get back to the events in our family lives, it is a true honor and delight to resume offering these important moments in the life of our church.

I will be out of the pulpit this weekend in order to honor a commitment I made two years ago to be the preacher at Epworth Heights, a 127-year-old summer resort with its roots deeply in the United Methodist Church. This invitation came through new members, and longtime friends, Todd and Julie Wells for whom Epworth Heights has been an incredibly special place to them and their families. I will appreciate your prayers as I bring the message in morning worship and evening vespers on Sunday and lead a lecture and conversation on *"World Turned Upside Down: God and The Pandemic."* I am so thankful that our own Brian Wright will be bringing us the message, *"There are Giants in the Land,"* looking at this week's lectionary text of David and Goliath. I am so thankful for Brian, who has a pastor's heart and sensibility. He, along with his husband Michael Monte, are servants in, and to, our beloved community.

And on a final note, a big shout out to all the fathers out there! Happy Father's Day! There are lots of ways to be a dad. Whether you are a single dad, step dad, grandad, adopted dad, or a father figure, we give thanks and recognize all the ways you are a blessing to your families and to us. I won't be with my sons in person on Father's Day this year, but they have promised me that there will be some special "man dates" for us in the weeks to come. And I am excited that my dad will be here with us over the 4th of July weekend—the first time we will have been together in 18 months. (He will not believe how much his grandsons have grown!)

As always, it is a blessing to serve with you as we extend the love of Christ to each other and our community in real ways.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor [Signature]