



LIFE AS LITURGY  
RITUAL AND ROUTINE

AUGUST 29, 2021

ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Let Everything That Has Breath/ All Creatures of Our God and King</i> Arr. Carol Tornquist	Tim Schoenherr
Welcome		Jeff Nelson
Hymn #715 (*UMH)	Rejoice, the Lord Is King	Sanctus Members
Call to Worship		Karla Goetz
Hymn #393 (*UMH)	Spirit of the Living God	Tim Schoenherr
Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco
Children's Moment/Blessing of the Backpacks		Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		Jeff Nelson
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering		Jenni Clark
Doxology #95 (*UMH)	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
Scripture (**CEB)	Philippians 4:4-9	Karla Goetz
Message	Ritual and Routine: Life as Liturgy	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #122 (*UMH)	God of the Sparrow God of the Whale	Sanctus Members
Benediction		Jeff Nelson

\*United Methodist Hymnal

\*\*Common English Bible

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Pronto Helps Support Our Lunch Program

Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at Pronto and help our Royal Oak First Lunch Program at the same time. Just let your server know that you are from Royal Oak First UMC and they will give 10% of your bill back to our program each month. This includes all bills containing food as well as any of your catering needs.



## Service Opportunities

From September 3-6, nearly 400,000 people will visit our community during Arts, Beats & Eats. Service opportunities include being a greeter at the church, being a host for our green space on the front lawn, attending to the baby-changing tent, and keeping the church tidy and hospitable. Each person that volunteers for a shift will receive free admission to the festival. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Desk or at [rofum.org](http://rofum.org).



## Special Worship Service

We will have only one worship service Labor Day weekend during Arts, Beats & Eats on Sunday, September 5 at 9:30 am on the Country/Americana Stage located at 6<sup>th</sup> and Lafayette Streets. Worshippers that day get a ticket for free admission to the festival and free parking at Royal Oak High School at 1500 Lexington Blvd. A free shuttle will drop you off and pick you up right next to the stage. If you don't plan on staying for the festival, you can park in the parking structure across the street from the church until 11:00 am. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).



## We Need Ushers and Greeters

You can help make worship a powerful, welcoming experience for others! We have opportunities for people to serve as ushers and greeters. Pick some days to create a regular schedule...like ushering for all the even number months or greeting on the first Sunday of every month. And if you know someone who might like to share some time volunteering with you, send them this information and invite them! Volunteering is a great way to get to know people in your church family! Visit the Welcome Desk or [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) to sign up.

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## The Stories We Tell

At the August 1<sup>st</sup> service entitled “The Stories We Tell”, Kathy Peterson and Michael Spath told us their stories of the impact of COVID-19 and their faith. Now it’s your turn. We’d like to know how the pandemic played out in your life and your faith. What did you learn? How did it affect your life? Did you wonder where God went during that year and a half? What would you like others to know about your journey? The goal is to compile a book of our various stories to pass on to future generations. Please send in your stories either by mail (to the church address) or email ([stories@rofum.org](mailto:stories@rofum.org)). Please send your story in by September 3, 2021.



## 2021 Crop Hunger Walk

Would you like to stomp out hunger? On September 19th, area churches will be joining together with a common goal of raising awareness and funds to feed the hungry, both locally and globally. Show your support by joining the ROFUM team as a walker or by sponsoring our team members with a donation. A \$15 donation will provide a family with egg laying chickens; a \$65 donation will provide a family of four with meals for nearly two months. More information is available at the Welcome Desk at Royal Oak First or you can visit this website: [www.events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/royal-oak-first-united-methodist-church](http://www.events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/royal-oak-first-united-methodist-church). Please reach out to Lucille Evans at [lucilleevans@gmail.com](mailto:lucilleevans@gmail.com) with additional questions.

## Saturday Night Worship

### It's Back...Same Night, Same Time, New Format

Please plan to join us on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 4:00 pm, in the Parlor for the first Saturday Night Worship in over a year! We are planning to meet twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, but need your help. Pastor Jeff will preach and lead worship once a month and an alternate guest preacher will join us for the other Saturday. We are seeking volunteers to help resurrect this service and are in search of those who can serve as a guest preacher, song leader, support audio needs, or play the piano or a musical instrument on a rotational basis. If you feel called to participate or have any questions, please contact Joyce Russell at 586-758-4729 or [russ28@att.net](mailto:russ28@att.net) for more information.

**SATURDAY  
NIGHT  
WORSHIP**

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Ed Cline • Michael Frank • Janice Marsh • Nancy Thompson • Nancy Lorenz • Marilyn Hocking •  
Charlene Faunt • Cynthia Cline • Melinda Loftin • Tom Soboleski • Karen Wetzel •  
Audrey Leenhouts • Lloyd Ramseyer • Janet Ramseyer • Lee Hoffmann • John Wagster •  
Neil Franks • Dave Minch • Sue Minch • Sarah Beth Wells • Todd Wells • Patricia Callahan •  
Maya Lane Harris • Kimberlyn Palchak • Diane Shornak • Carrie Morse • Cindy McCarthy •  
Betty Lawson • Fred Bowden • Marian Kremer •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Rosemary Piatt • The Pushman Family • Buddy Budowick • Jessica Simpson • Jack Barlow •  
Kathy Kearns • Linda Morrell • Marc Reddekopp • Gina Mirjah • Michael McFarlane •  
Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Sally Sou • Teresa Baker •

## Senior Spotlight:

Roger and Judy Boyer

For the complete Prayer List,  
please contact our Pastoral Care Team at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

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# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

*"The crickets felt it was their duty to warn everybody that summertime cannot last forever. Even on the most beautiful days in the whole year - the days when summer is changing into autumn - the crickets spread the rumour of sadness and change."*

E.B. White, *Charlotte's Web*

*"There shall be Eternal summer in the grateful heart."*

Cecilia Thaxter, *A Grateful Heart*

*"There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens."*

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (and the Byrds)

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that I am writing to you on the last Sunday of August. The summer has really flown by. By next week all of our children and youth will have returned to school. Before we know it, the leaves will begin to change colors, the nights will grow cooler and we will be planning a trip to the Franklin Cider Mill.

This summer has been good for the soul. The reprieve in COVID numbers brought on by vaccinations allowed us both to gather and to travel. We went to concerts and festivals. (I took my sons to their first professional wrestling event!)

This summer has been good for our church life. We were able to open back up for worship. Our children and youth were able to go on mission trips, summer camp and Vacation Bible School. We opened up for weddings and funerals. Groups gathered for study and fellowship. It has been a good summer.

As we shift into this new season, we will look to restart and expand our worship and programming. Beginning Sunday, September 12th, we will be offering more music, study, service and fellowship opportunities for children, youth and adults. Worship will expand into two distinct styles on Sunday morning and a twice a month Saturday offering. Be watching your mail for our Fall Newsletter with more information and details.

It is my prayer that you find at least one place to connect this fall. Whether it is online or in person, your presence and participation bring life and vitality to our community. Of course, we do this fully aware of the latest surge in COVID cases, knowing that flexibility is simply a necessity in these challenging times. As always, do what is best and most safe for you and your family.

I continue to be humbled by the faithfulness of our community. God is truly at work in your lives and you make Christ's love real to me.

Enjoy the last days of summer.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff

**Experience Real Love, Form Real Friendships,  
Make a Real Difference**

