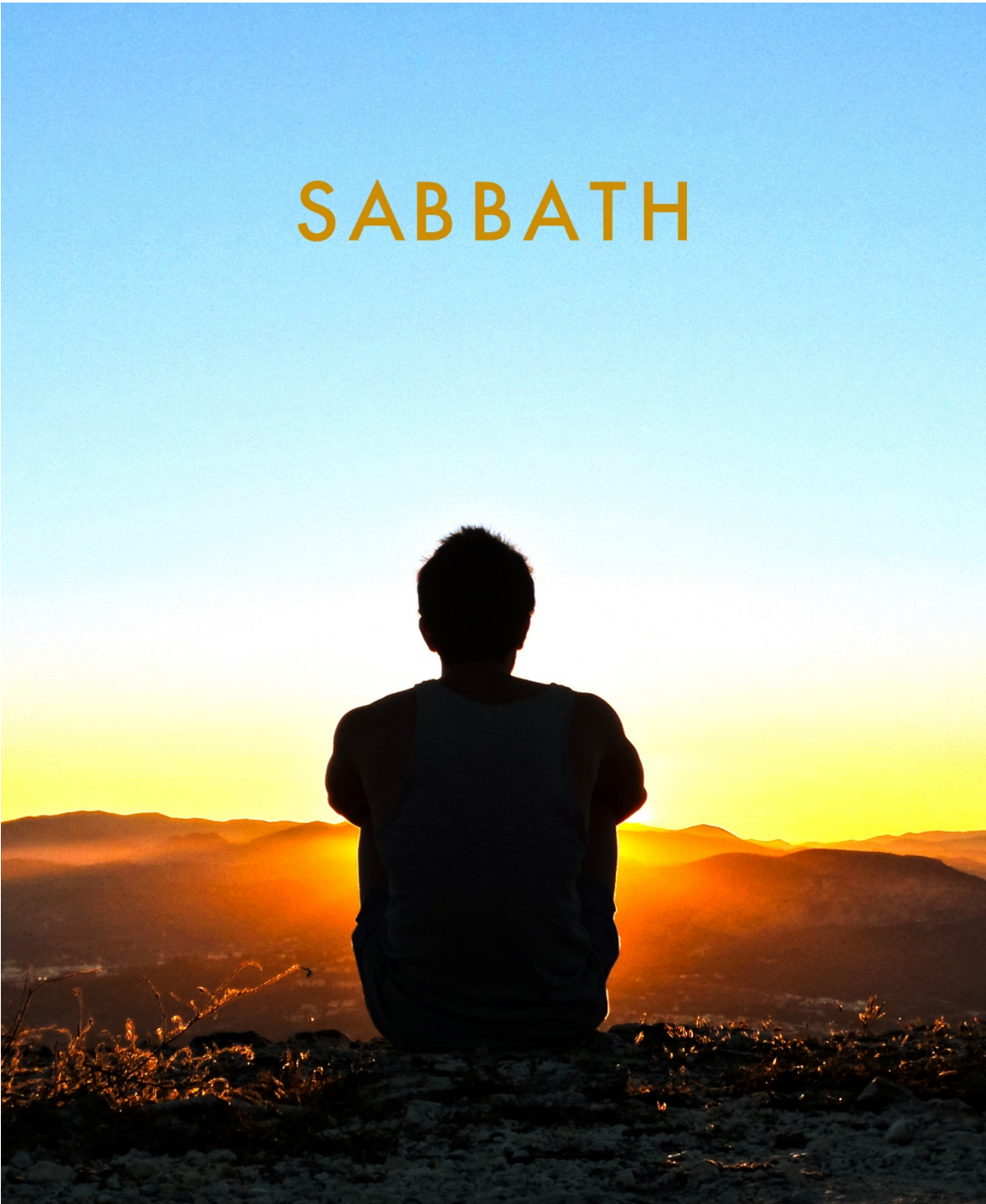


# SABBATH

A person is sitting on a rocky outcrop, silhouetted against a bright sunset or sunrise over a mountain range. The person is wearing a white tank top. The sky is a gradient of blue and yellow, and the mountains are silhouetted against the bright light.

**Sunday, October 24, 2021 11:00AM**  
**ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	“Jubilation” Jason D. Payne	Kyle Webber
<b>Choral Introit</b>	Come to Me	Sanctus Choir
<b>Hymn #660</b> (*UMH)	God Is Here	Congregational Singing
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Faye Bond
<b>Musical Response</b>	“Rooted in Love”	Congregational Singing
<b>Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Noisy Bucket</b>		
<b>Special Anthem</b>	“We’ll Say Boo”	Beginner Choir
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		Faye Bond
<b>Offering Our Gifts and Tithes</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray” Gordon Young	Sanctus Choir
<b>Doxology #95</b> (*UMH)	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
<b>Scripture</b> (**CEB)	Psalms 63:1 Exodus 20:8-11	Faye Bond
<b>Message</b>	Sabbath	Jeff Nelson
<b>Hymn #369</b> (*UMH)	Blessed Assurance	Congregational Singing
<b>Benediction</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Postlude</b>	“Old Hundredth” arr. Fred Bock	Kyle Webber

*\*United Methodist Hymnal*  
*\*\*Common English Bible*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## GREENS SALE IS NOW ON!

Music Guild Greens Sale benefits our Summer Choir Camp Program to help offset the cost to ensure camp is affordable for every child. **You can place your pre-paid orders at [www.rofum.org/greens](http://www.rofum.org/greens) or by calling the church office at 248-541-4100.**



## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

A few encouraging words go a long way! October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Would you take a couple of minutes and **write an email to Pastor Jeff Nelson ([jnelson@rofum.org](mailto:jnelson@rofum.org))** and let him know how much you appreciate all he does? Thanks, Royal Oak First!

## MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION



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To support our lunch program guests and church members as the weather turns chilly, we will be collecting much needed winter items through the remainder of October. **We need the following items: men's gloves/mittens, men's winter hats, men's winter boots, men's scarves, long/thermal underwear tops and bottoms (L, XL, XXL), men's winter socks, and hand & foot warmers.** Thank you for supporting this important mission!

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## EATING AT PRONTO HELPS SUPPORT OUR LUNCH PROGRAM

Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at Pronto (608 S. Washington Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067) 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.

## SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

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Please plan to join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm in the Parlor. **Any questions, please call Joyce Russell at 586.758.4729.**



## MUSIC GUILD

All are invited to the **monthly Music Guild meeting, Monday, November 8 at 7:00pm** in the Church Parlor. No experience required – just an interest in our youth, Choir Camp and our general music program! Hope you can join us.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Laci Basel • Todd Wells • Michael Frank • Betty Lawson • Jane Button •  
Charlene Faunt • Janice Marsh • Nancy Lorenz • Woody Siddall • Lisa Rye •  
George Marck • Amy Youngquist • Barb Nicholas • Nancy Thompson • Marian Kremer •  
Bob Prud'homme • Cynthia Cline • Melinda Loftin • Tom Soboleski • Karen Wetzel •  
Audrey Leenhouts • Janet Ramseyer • John Wagster • Neil Franks • Dave Minch •  
Patricia Callahan • Maya Lane Harris • Kimberlyn Palchak • Diane Shornak •  
Carrie Morse • Fred Bowden •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Deni Bartley • Patrick Tamm • Earl Hendrickson • Evert & Kay Burchell •  
Neil Mullins • Effie Lambros • The Pushman Family • Marc Reddekopp • Gina Mirjah •  
Michael McFarlane • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Sally Sou • Teresa Baker •

## Congratulations to:

Kalena and Jake Isaacson on the birth of their twins Maxwell & Laureine on October 21, 2021

Melanie and Joe Bartelotti on the birth of their son, Vincenzo Joseph Bartelotti on October 14, 2021

## Sympathies to:

Mike Dabney on the death of his sister, Pamela Dabney on October 12, 2021  
Erica Plesco on the death of her aunt, Alice "Esther" Yeager on October 7, 2021

For the complete Prayer List,  
please contact Danielle Moody at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Let me use this space today to bring you up to date on some of the things happening in the life of our community.

## **Generosity**

I continue to be humbled by the faithful generosity of our community. Your financial support of our mission and ministry has allowed us to feed the hungry five days a week, begin the confirmation class for ten young people, help 14 families baptize their children, celebrate the lives of eight of our saints and continue to provide both in-person and online worship services. Together we are making a difference.

In years past, we have done our annual Generosity Campaign this time of year. This is when we all have the opportunity to make an Estimate of Giving Pledge to underwrite the church's ministry budget. Our leadership team has decided to hold the Generosity Campaign in February. Thank you again for investing your gifts in the life of the church.

## **Endowment**

During our Generosity Campaign, we will invite the congregation to make a contribution to our Endowment Fund. Endowment Funds provide long term savings and stability for churches. It was the Endowment Fund that gave our congregation the ability to renovate our building. In the weeks prior to our Generosity Campaign, we will be holding opportunities to learn more about this important way to keep the mission and ministry of our church alive and well.

## **Church Conference**

I wanted to update you on what happened at our Annual Church Conference held on October 14th. We elected our Leadership Team by adding Craig Sleeman to our open position. Many thanks to Craig for his willingness to serve and special appreciation to Jeff Vickers for his years of service. Our ministerial candidates were approved with the addition of Jennifer Tripoli and Bridget Nelson. And we heard an encouraging word from our District Superintendent about our place and calling in these trying times.

## **All Saints Sunday**

And lastly, I want to let you know that on Sunday, November 21, we will be celebrating the lives of our church family and friends who entered into their eternal rest in the past year. It is always a moving and touching moment to remember the lives of those loved ones who left their indelible mark on our community. If you have any names you want included in our memorial, please contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) or 248.541.4100 and she will ensure that they are included.

In closing, let me thank you friends, for your kindness during this Pastor Appreciation Month. Your words, notes and gifts were much appreciated.

Grace and Peace,





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



*Our COVID protocol around mask wearing and congregational singing is:  
We promote self-choice and personal preference as it relates to your own  
safety. Our staff has been encouraged to wear masks.*