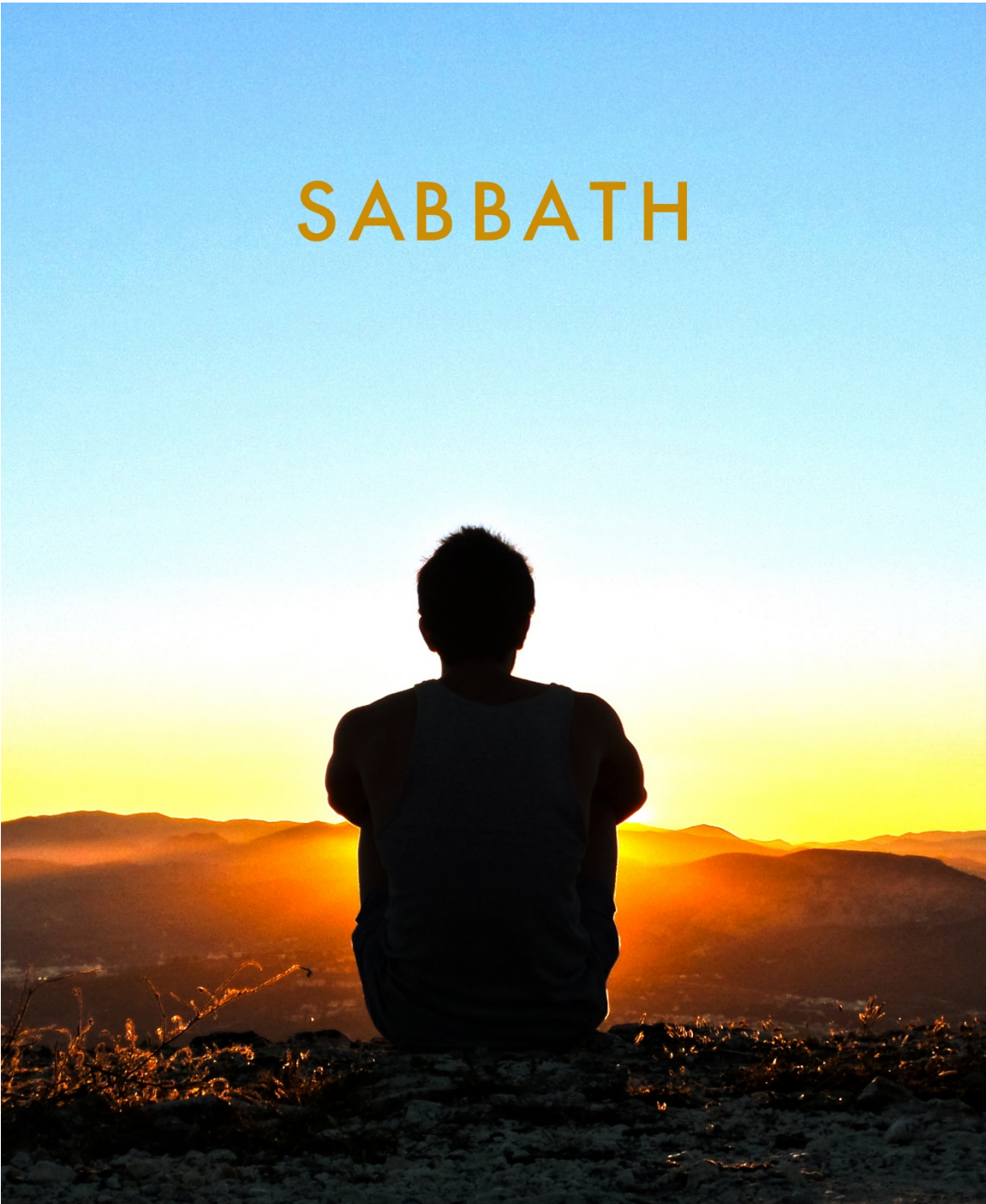


SABBATH

A person is silhouetted against a bright sunset sky, sitting on a rocky outcrop. The person is facing away from the camera, looking out over a vast valley with rolling hills in the distance. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright yellow and orange near the horizon where the sun is setting. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Song "Love God and Love People" House Band
Danny Gokey

Song "Great Are You Lord" House Band
All Sons & Daughters

Invitation to Mission Jeff Nelson

Noisy Bucket

Time of Prayer Jeff Nelson

Musical Response "Rooted in Love" Congregational Singing

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering "Beauty of Your Peace" Chris Mikell
Tim Hughes

Scripture (*CEB) Psalms 63:1 Erica Plesco
Exodus 20:8-11

Message Sabbath Jeff Nelson

Song "Be Still" House Band
Hillsong Worship

Benediction Jeff Nelson

**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 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)** 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 1st and 3rd 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.

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 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,



Pastor Jd
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**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.*