



# *Be True to Yourself*

**Sunday, October 31, 2021 9:00AM  
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Prelude

<b>Song</b>	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	House Band
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<b>Song</b>	“Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)” Chris Tomlin	House Band
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<b>Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson
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<b>Time of Prayer</b>		Jeff Nelson
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<b>Musical Response</b>	“Rooted in Love”	Congregational Singing
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## Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For” U2	Jason Sherman & Erica Plesco
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<b>Scripture</b> (*CEB)	Matthew 4:1-11	Erica Plesco
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<b>Poem</b>	“A Personal Letter from Jesus to You”	Jeff Nelson
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<b>Message</b>	Be True to Yourself	Jeff Nelson
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<b>Song</b>	“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” Hillsong United	House Band
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<b>Benediction</b>		Jeff Nelson
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*\*Common English Bible*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## GET YOUR HOLIDAY GREENS TODAY!

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.**



## DO YOU LIKE TO SING DURING SUNDAY SERVICES?

Have you ever considered joining our Sanctus Choir? The only requirement is the love of singing with others. We have choir rehearsals on Thursdays from 7-9pm. You would be asked to sing at the 11am service with the rest of the Sanctus Choir. Come to a rehearsal and try it on...you just might like it!

## 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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The logo for Saturday Night Worship features the words "SATURDAY NIGHT" in bold black capital letters, with "WORSHIP" in bold blue capital letters below it.

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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.**



### PASTOR CHAT

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. Questions such as: "How can I help serve the community?"; "I have questions about the beliefs of the United Methodist Church"; or "How can my kids be involved in the church?" will be covered. The next Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, November 21 at 10:15 am in the Parlor and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



### JOIN SHAWL MINISTRY

The Shawl Ministry's purpose is for those with a love of needlework to gather to knit or crochet shawls and afghans and then give those shawls to persons in need of prayer, comfort, or blessings. Shawl Ministry meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 1pm in the Parlor.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

John Dorsey • Mark Lowman • Michael Frank • Betty Lawson • Jane Button •  
Charlene Faunt • Carl Sweet • Al & Barb Simmons • Laci Basel • Todd Wells •  
Janice Marsh • Nancy Lorenz • Woody Siddall • Lisa Rye • 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:

David Healander • Flora Jones • Deni Bartley • 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:

Rob and Julia Filipp on the birth of their daughter, Emma Marie Filipp on October 23,  
2021

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



# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I loved Halloween as a kid. I loved dressing up in costumes. This is me in my Chewbacca costume sometime in the late 70's. Halloween is one of those moments where we literally can be anything, or anybody, we want. In fact, just last Sunday, I stood outside our church for the annual Spooktacular as hundreds of costumed children stopped by our church to trick or treat. It was so fun to notice each costume and talk with each child about who they were pretending to be. Halloween is fun.



The next few weeks we are going to ask ourselves these two questions:

1. What happens when we change out of our costume?
2. Are we comfortable just being ourselves?

God has created each of us uniquely. There has never been, and there never will be, anybody else like us.

You are the only you there will ever be.

And yet we know that we spend too much of our adult life reliving Halloween, trying to be something, or somebody else. We know this is really hard work, isn't it?

This fall we have been talking about what it means to be rooted in God's truth and in Christ's love. We have spent time talking about an identity rooted in love, forgiveness, belonging and vulnerability. We have explored how we can be rooted in sacred rhythms that will allow this identity to remain intact. As we deepen these roots we will find that our true selves, the unique person God has crafted each of us to become, will begin to emerge and we will feel more comfortable being ourselves. This is the gift of rooted life.

Join us this Sunday as we talk about what it means to be rooted in authenticity.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor J. A." with a large, stylized flourish at the end. Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

**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.*