



UNDERSTAND
YOUR
PAST

**Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:00AM and 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Joel Raney	Kyle Webber
Introit		Liz Wright
Hymn #185 (*UMH)	When Morning Gilds the Skies	Congregational Singing
Call to Worship		Jennifer Tripoli
Musical Response	“Rooted in Love”	Congregational Singing
Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		Jennifer Tripoli
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Close Every Door to Me” Andrew Lloyd Webber	Doug Clark
Doxology #95 (*UMH)	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	
Scripture (**CEB)	Genesis 50:15-21	Jennifer Tripoli
Message	Understand Your Past	Jeff Nelson
Communion		
Hymn #117 (*UMH)	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Postlude	“Toccatà in E Minor” Johann Pachelbel	Kyle Webber

**United Methodist Hymnal*

***Common English Bible*

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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 or by calling the church office at 248-541-4100.**

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!

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.**

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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!



Toy and Clothing Drive

Cass Community Social Services

CASS CHRISTMAS STORE

The Royal Oak First United Methodist Women's Group (UMW) is once again helping the children at Cass Community Social Services to celebrate Christmas. From November 14-December 12, you can contribute by bringing in **NEW unwrapped toys and NEW winter clothes appropriate for kids age birth-18 years.** **Please, avoid battery operated gifts.** Thank you for helping the UMW continue their important mission of supporting women, youth, and children.

HELP HOTLINE

What began as "Hands4RO" transitioned into the "Help Hotline." Tim Ryckman and Al Beachum, with the support of the Tuesday Evening Men's Group, oversee this coordination of volunteers to support the community of Royal Oak First. Their services vary in scope from yard work and fixing gutters to building a wheelchair ramp or assisting with paperwork. **If you know someone in need or would like to enrich this program with your gifts, please reach out by email to helphotline@rofum.org.**

A black square sign with the words "Can We Help?" written in white, chalk-like font.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Dorthea Schuldeis • John Dorsey • Dorothy Matsumoto • Michael Frank •
Jane Button • Charlene Faunt • Paul Thompson • Mark Lowman • 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:

Tim Johnson • 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 •

Sympathies to:

Tami Dowd and Joyce Hollingsworth on the death of their friend, Kim Dowd, November 3, 2021

Family and friends of Elizabeth (Betty) Lawson on her death, November 2, 2021

For the complete Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We were reminded this past week that the realities of COVID-19 are still with us. For the first time since we re-opened for worship in April, we have now had incidents of exposure. As of this writing, we now have seven confirmed cases, all of them were part of choir this past Sunday. We have checked in with all who have tested positive and are providing support. I ask that you keep all those who continue to be impacted by this virus in your prayers.

I appreciate your concern for me. I am vaccinated and boosted. I got tested after learning of the exposure at church and was thankful that the test was negative.

I am so thankful for our COVID-19 Task Force that established our protocols and response procedures. We have notified all members of the choir, our staff and congregation. We will pause our singing ensembles while we regroup. We have continued our cleaning protocols. We highly recommend that you join our staff team in wearing a mask while in the building. We ask that you continue to monitor your health and make the best decision about attending gatherings to keep yourself and the community safe.

I will be gathering our leadership in the next week to reassess the moment and make any necessary adjustments to our plans.

Please stay safe. Stay connected. Stay encouraged.

I give thanks to God for all of you, an amazingly faithful and resilient community of faith.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

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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.*