

FLEXIBILITY



Sunday, February 20, 2022 9:00 and 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Christian, We Have Met to Worship” arr. Craig Curry	Kyle Webber
Bell Peal		Amy Rhoades
Hymn #451 (*UMH)	“Be Thou My Vision”	Congregational Singing
Call to Worship		Brian Wright
Musical Response	“Rooted in Love”	Congregational Singing
Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Reception of New Members		Bridget Nelson & Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		Brian Wright
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Give Me Your Eyes” Heath/Ingram	Chris Mikell
Doxology #95 (*UMH)	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Scripture (**CEB)	Philippians 4:10-14	Brian Wright
Sermon Song	“Give a Little Bit” Davies/Hodgson	Erica Plesco
Generosity Time		Ann Brown & Jeff Nelson
Message	Flexibility	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #2208 (**TFWS)	“Guide My Feet”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Postlude	“Toccata on Old Hundredth” arr. Charles Callahan	Kyle Webber

**United Methodist Hymnal
**Common English Bible
***The Faith We Sing*

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DRIVE THROUGH ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Come by the church on the Lafayette Street side of the building between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 to receive the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion right in your car! Our Pastors will be available for a special blessing.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

There will be Ash Wednesday Worship on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and online. Worship will feature music from the Taize Community, Imposition of Ashes, and Holy Communion. Some of our youth will be leading us in worship. Please plan to attend either in person or online.



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, February 27 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!

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NOISY BUCKET

Give your spare change to help
Lithuanian Methodist Churches

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Bring in your spare change in on **Sunday, February 27 at either service** and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania.

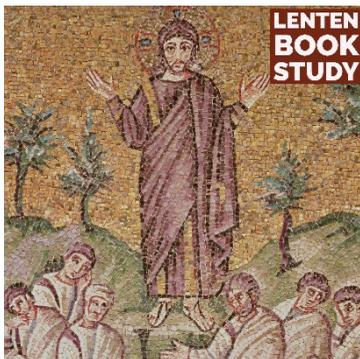


FISH DINNER CARRY-OUT

Our famous Fish Dinners are back for carry-out ONLY! On Fridays, February 25, March 11, March 25 and April 8, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., we will be offering carry-out only. All carry-outs will be brought to your car through the Tower entrance on 7th Street. For only \$13, you will get ½ lb. of fried Cod, a baked potato, and coleslaw. ALL fish dinners must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. For each meal you want to purchase, you will sign up for that many slots during a 15 minute window. Visit www.rofum.org to order or use this QR code:



SCAN ME



SIGN UP FOR A LENTEN BOOK STUDY!

Starting March 6, we will spend six weeks in small groups, reading and discussing the book “Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven,” by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. We will dig into the historical, theological and Jewish context of Jesus’ timeless message that still speaks to our hearts and culture today. Books available for \$15 at the “Connect Here” table in the Narthex or purchase at any bookstore. There will also be a Zoom Retreat on April 22 and 23 with all small groups, which includes a conversation with the author Dr. Amy-Jill Levine! Visit www.rofum.org to sign up or use this QR code:



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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 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.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FOR RBI

Help us support our friends at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) as they care for families in need within their community. During February, we are collecting household items such as: **paper towel, dish soap*, cleaning products*, laundry detergent*, band-aids, Ziplock bags, garbage bags, batteries, lightbulbs, smoke alarms, hand warmers, extension cords/power strips, and car items: oil, antifreeze, washer fluid.** (**Please send regular family size, not bulk Costco size.*)



ADULT HANDBELL ENSEMBLE FORMING

Join us for this six week musical journey of ringing handbells during the Lenten season. Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting March 7 with the last rehearsal being April 18 (skipping March 28 for Spring Break). We will culminate the experience by playing in worship on April 24. No prior handbell ringing experience is necessary nor is music reading ability required. Contact Kyle Webber at kwebber@rofum.org or 248.541.4100 to sign up. Ring on!



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LENTEN MUSICAL MOMENTS

Join us online every Sunday in Lent at 4:00 p.m. for a 30 minute Musical Moment. Each week, different members of our congregation will present 20-30 minutes of music. Many of us are missing the music at Royal Oak First that we had been used to pre-pandemic. This will be a safe way to lift your spirits with music! You will hear a variety of music each week from choral ensembles, soloists, house band, organ music, piano music, instrumental music and more. Tune in each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. on our YouTube channel beginning March 6.



TIME OF PRAYER

Royal Oak First is now offering a Time of Prayer every Tuesday from 11:00-11:30 a.m. Join one of our Pastors in the Sanctuary to review the prayer list, share our own joys and concerns and spend some time in silence with God. Contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org with any questions.

CONNECT WITH ROYAL OAK FIRST ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Click the QR code below



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Mike Long • Cynthia Cline • Carl Shafer • Mary Lou Graeber • Bob Foote •
Tom Soboleski • Bruce Conrad • Audrey Leenhouts • Carol Lewis •
Charlene Faunt • John Dorsey • Marilyn Hocking • Betty Latimer •
Craig Sleeman • Grace Perkins • John Wagster • Yvonne Bashur •
Carl Sweet • Nancy Lorenz • Marian Kremer • Diane Shornak •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Grandma Johnson • Joan Firestone • Harold Baker • Pam Payne •
Margaret O'Donnell • Frank Cataldo • Mike S. • Aurelia DeGala •
Tom Dunstan • Beth Roselle • T.B. • Chrystl Roman • Jethro Horton •
Flora Jones • Deni Bartley • Earl Hendrickson • Evert & Kay Burchell •
Effie Lambros • The Pushman Family • Marc Reddekopp • Darryl Warren •
Sue Sugden • Teresa Baker •

Sympathies to:

The friends and family of Merrill Milewski on his death February 16, 2022

Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Friends!

This month we have been talking about resilience and generosity. Around here, these are easy topics because you have demonstrated both so much, especially in the last two years!

At the end of the month, you will have the opportunity to make your financial commitment to the church for 2022. Financial support is just one part of our commitment when we decide to be part of a congregation. Reflecting on this journey for us, I see an interesting pattern. When Jeff and I joined Central United Methodist Church in Detroit in 1997, the extent of our planning and giving was to scoop up the dollar bills and change on the dresser on the way out the door. After a few years of that, there was a presentation at church about stewardship where we learned about tithing and how our gifts really mattered for ministry. We couldn't move straight to giving 10%, but we got on a path and made increases each year, even as Jeff's appointments took us to new churches. What I have noticed is that as we increased our financial commitment, our spiritual and emotional connection improved as well - there is something about being invested in a place that is so rewarding. And, somehow, the more we committed to give, the easier it became. It was just part of the budget and the plan and has not felt like a burden.

With both of us being appointed here, we have the unique opportunity to see how the generosity of this congregation makes a difference every single day - from the lunch program to the community groups using space to our children and youth having a safe place to grow - every day there are people through here experiencing the love of God in real and meaningful ways.

This year, there are two ways to commit to giving - there will be two cards to return. One will be to support the church and its day to day ministries for 2022. The other invites you to make a commitment to helping rebuild our Endowment Fund. We were so fortunate to have the Endowment when we needed it to complete the building project, and now we have to be sure it will be there for projects for future generations. Jeff and I will be adding \$25/week to our pledge for the Endowment. All our gifts together will put our church on a firm foundation.

This Sunday and next, you will hear from Pastor Jeff about the gift of resilience. You will also hear testimonials from people who have found a home here at Royal Oak First. Combined with your own experiences here with our congregation, I hope you will take some time to reflect on what this place means to you and your hopes for our church in the future.

In gratitude,



Bridget Nelson