

ACCEPTANCE



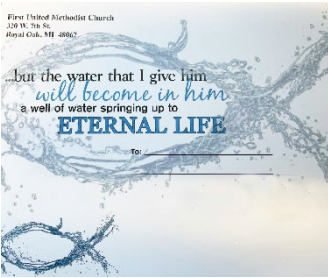
Sunday, February 6, 2022 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Meditation in C” arr. John S. Dixon	Kyle Webber
Bell Peal		Amy Rhoades
Hymn #139 (*UMH)	“Praise to the Lord, Almighty” (Verses 1,2,3,5)	Congregational Singing
Call to Worship		Patrick Calhoun
Musical Response	“Rooted in Love”	Congregational Singing
Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		Jeff Nelson
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“At This Table” Idina Menzel	Sam Garrett
Doxology #95 (*UMH)	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Scripture (**CEB)	2 Corinthians 4:1-9	Patrick Calhoun
Sermon Song	“Give a Little Bit”	Erica Plesco
Generosity Time		Tim Ryckman & Jeff Nelson
Message	Acceptance	Jeff Nelson
Communion		Erica Plesco & Jeff Nelson
Hymn #374 (*UMH)	“Standing on the Promises”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Postlude	“Fanfare and Recessional” arr. Douglas Wagner	Kyle Webber

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

2022 Royal Oak First offering envelopes are now available for you to pick up after service! If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, we'll begin mailing them out on Wednesday, February 9. Contact Karen Calhoun at kcalhoun@rofum.org if you have any questions.

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 will be collecting household items that are often needed, but rarely donated. Frequently requested items include: **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.) Thank you for helping us to be a blessing to others!



PRODUCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To support our partnership with the Redford Brightmoor Initiative, Royal Oak First members have provided fresh produce to the Brightmoor Free Store once a month for the past two years. This is an easy service opportunity that makes a big impact for families in need. We could use two more shoppers in February, and any future month you are able. Sign up after service at the Information Desk or visit www.rofum.org.



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SANDWICH/LUNCH MAKING ASSEMBLY FROM HOME

Our New Year Sandwich & Lunch service opportunity to benefit the NOAH Project, was a huge hit! So we have signed up to do it again during Lent. We are looking for 10 households to sign up to make 30 sandwiches or 30 lunches at your home to be delivered to church on Sunday, March 6. Please visit www.rofum.org or visit our information desk after service for more information and to sign up!

NEW! ADULT HANDBELL ENSEMBLE FORMING



If you are an adult and have ever been the least bit interested in ringing handbells or maybe have even have rung in the past, this opportunity is for you! Join us for this 6 week musical journey or 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, Worship and Arts Director at kwebber@rofum.org or 248.541.4100 to sign up. Ring on!



“FIRST THOUGHTS” AND “ABIDE” DEVOTIONALS AND THOUGHTS EMAIL

We now offer two new weekly emails from Pastor Jeff and our other pastors/preachers. “First Thoughts” is a moment of inspiration and information on what God is doing in our church and community. “Abide” is a weekly devotional geared for the men of our congregation. **Email us at firstthoughts@rofum.org with your email address and let us know which devotional you would like to receive.**

Share the Love



SHARE THE LOVE

Help us share the love! In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, we hope to send a card to every member of our church.

Then, during Valentine's Day weekend, we hope to make and deliver 100 bags of treats and notes. So, we need everyone's hands!

We need people to:

- send cards
- bake
- make cards (kids and adults)
- assemble bags
- deliver

Please visit www.rofum.org or visit the information table after service to sign up. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



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.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Carl Shafer • Charlene Faunt • Mike Long • Don & Marilyn McCreedy •
Tom Soboleski • Bruce Conrad • Audrey Leenhouts • Carol Lewis •
John Dorsey • Marilyn Hocking • Betty Latimer • Craig Sleeman • Brian Cook •
Grace Perkins • John Wagster • Yvonne Bashur • Carl Sweet •
Nancy Lorenz • Marian Kremer • Diane Shornak •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Mike S. • Frank Cataldo • Aurelia DeGala • Tom Dunstan •
The Broderik Family • Beth Roselle • T.B. • Chrystl Roman • Jethro Horton •
Flora Jones • Deni Bartley • Earl Hendrickson • Evert & Kay Burchell •
Effie Lambros • The Pushman Family • Marc Reddekopp •
Michael McFarlane • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Teresa Baker •

Sympathies to:

Kathy Menig on the death of her husband, Todd Menig on January 28, 2022

John & Janice Martin and their children Dennis and Emily on the death of
John's mother, Florence Martin on January 30, 2022

Roseann Simon on the death of her father, George Russian on January 30,
2022

Diana Shornak on the death of her sister, Sally Sou

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

Dear Friends,

So many of us Detroiters (and yes, I am an adopted Motor City Cheesehead) watched with such excitement as Matthew Stafford, the Lion's former quarterback, is taking his new team, the Los Angeles Rams, to the Super Bowl. It is truly an amazing story. After twelve up and down seasons with the Honolulu Blue and Silver, Stafford stands poised to win it all - in his first season with a new team!! *(So maybe it wasn't about him after all!?)*

It is called resilience.

Resilience - the ability to recover from setbacks, adapt well to change, and keep going in the face of adversity.

Resilience matters.

Why is Matthew Stafford's story such a good story right now? Because for the past two years, we all have been taking a crash course in resilience. We have been digging deep looking to find the eternal spring of "bounce back".

And guess what?

We are doing it!

Royal Oak First is a resilient community. The last six years, and the last two in particular, have shown this to be true. The building renovation, the growth of the congregation, pastoral leaves and transitions, and now the realities of a global pandemic have asked us all to be flexible, innovative, patient and forgiving.

This month, we are celebrating what it means to be a resilient community. Each week we will feature stories from our community about how people have been able to "keep on keeping on" in the midst of these challenging times.

At the end of this month, we all are invited to make a pledge to support this pretty neat and remarkable community.

Thanks for being a part of this journey!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor" followed by a stylized signature. Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes.

P.S. - Go Matthew, Go!