

# Be Blessed



**ROOTED**  
in the Way

**Sunday, March 6, 2022 9:00AM**  
**ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Gathering Music

**Welcome**

Erica Plesco

**Song**

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Congregational Singing

**Song**

“Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)”

Congregational Singing

**Invitation to Mission**

Jeff Nelson & Kyle Webber

**Time of Prayer**

Jeff Nelson

**Response #2063** (\*\*TFWS)

“You Are Worthy”

Congregational Singing

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

**Musical Offering**

“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”  
Hillsong

Erica Plesco &  
Jason Sherman

**Doxology**

“All For You”

Congregational Singing

**Prayer of Dedication**

Jeff Nelson

**Scripture** (\*CEB)

Matthew 5:2-12

Erica Plesco

**Message**

Be Blessed

Jeff Nelson

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Erica Plesco & Jeff Nelson

**Communion Song #2267** (\*\*TFWS)

“Taste and See”

Congregational Singing

**Song**

“Counting Every Blessing”

Congregational Singing

**Benediction**

Jeff Nelson

**Sending Music**

House Band

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## EASTER BASKETS



## EASTER BASKETS FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Throughout March, we will be collecting items to fill fun activity bags for the kids receiving treatment at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. We are collecting Spring themed novelties for all ages. Ideas include: stickers, small egg filler toys, small crafts or games, Lego kits, coloring books, Crayola or RoseArt crayons/markers, Matchbox cars, board books, puzzles, lip balm, fun socks, stuffed animals, etc. To ensure safety and inclusiveness, the hospital requests that we do not send candy or items that are previously used, made of latex, or religious.



## FISH DINNER CARRY-OUT HAS BEGUN

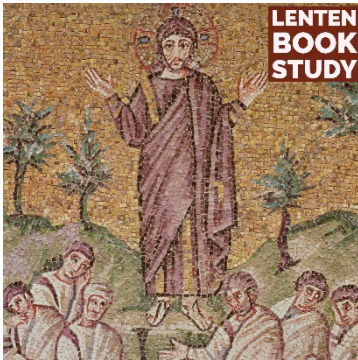
Our famous Fish Dinners are back for carry-out ONLY! On Fridays, March 11, March 25 and April 8, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., we will be offering carry-out only. All carry-outs will be brought to your car through the Tower entrance on 7th Street. For only \$13, you will get ½ lb. of fried Cod, a 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](http://www.rofum.org) to order or use this QR code:



## 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](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) with any questions.

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## 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](http://www.rofum.org) to sign up or use this QR code:



## 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.



## 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](mailto:kwebber@rofum.org) or 248.541.4100 to sign up. Ring on!

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## SUPPORTING UKRAINE THROUGH UMCOR

We have all seen the disastrous situation in Ukraine. As Christians we feel the frustration and fear that always accompanies war. As United Methodists, we feel the need to reach out to those that are experiencing loss. On Sunday, March 13, all Missions donations (given in person or online) will be used for UMCOR Ukraine relief. If you would like to help those victimized by this conflict, please consider donating to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) by visiting [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) or use this QR code:



## PRODUCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! We need two additional volunteers for March 11 & 12 and four volunteers for April 8 & 9. If you have flexibility in your schedule to be able to shop on Thursday or Friday, WE NEED MORE HELP! In total, this takes 1-1.5 hours of time and around \$75. (If you only have time to give, you are welcome to submit your receipts for reimbursement. Visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) to sign up or use this QR code:



LENTEN  
MUSICAL MOMENTS

## LENTEN MUSICAL MOMENTS-HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are sad to say that this event has been cancelled.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

Mike Long • Lisa Rye • 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:**

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

## **Sympathies to:**

Shirley Shafer on the death of her husband, Carl Shafer on February 28,  
2022

## **Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19**

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

# holy week

at Royal Oak First 

*Sunday, April 10, 9:00AM and 11:00AM -- IN PERSON & ONLINE*

## **PALMSUNDAY**

Worship in person or online as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will be led by our House Band and our children will participate in a Palm Parade and will also lead us in song.

*Thursday, April 14, 7:00PM -- IN PERSON & ONLINE*

## **MAUNDY-THURSDAY**

This powerful evening service is a very meaningful night of hymn sing and communion as we commemorate Jesus' last meal with his disciples.

*Friday, April 15, 12:00PM -- IN PERSON & ONLINE*

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

Join us in person or online for an impactful Good Friday worship service remembering Jesus' final day. This is a service of deep reflection.

*Friday, April 15, 7:00PM -- IN PERSON & ONLINE*

## **7 LAST WORDS POETRY SLAM**

Don't miss this live event where poets and musicians muse on Christ's last words. Unique, poignant, and compelling, the 7 Last Words Poetry Slam offers insights into Christ's humanity and divinity in his final moments.

*Sunday, April 17, 9:00AM and 11:00AM -- IN PERSON & ONLINE*

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

Easter Sunday is finally here! Celebrate the resurrection of Christ with us. This is the day where we say, "God's not dead!" We remember that the movement of peace, justice, kindness, and inclusion is alive and well.

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

## **Come Home for Holy Week!**

It feels like a change of season is upon us.

Spring is coming. The days are getting longer and the temperatures are getting warmer. I saw a robin this week! Spring brings possibility and hope of new life, and I think we are all ready for that. Fingers crossed that we get some baseball, too!

Easter is coming. We started our Lenten journey this week. Book study groups are starting and we're collecting items for baskets for kids in the hospital on Easter. And there are three more chances to carry-out our famous fish dinner!

Post-pandemic life is coming! After a long winter and a latest surge, it appears that the worst of the pandemic may be behind us (please, God, may it be so). Like schools and other public places, we too are looking at our safety protocols. This week, you'll see that we have brought the chairs back out to the gathering space encouraging you to feel free to stay longer after church to enjoy friendships and conversation. Next week, be looking for an email update on other changes coming soon including our mask mandate and music ministries.

We hope these changes this season will encourage you to consider "Coming Home for Holy Week." We are planning a meaningful week of worship. On Palm Sunday, the Men's "Abide" Fellowship will be offering brunch after services and our Confirmation class will be having an epic bake sale! We will recreate the Upper Room on Maundy Thursday to sing and share at the Lord's Table. Good Friday will have worship at noon and the 7 Last Words Poetry Slam at 7:00 p.m. And of course Easter morning we will have worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., celebrating the power of life to overcome uncertainty and suffering.

I hope you will plan to attend at least one of these special moments. It has been a long time since we have gathered our community together. As always, we will strive to provide quality online experiences for those unable or not ready to join us in person.

It has been a challenging journey. We hope and pray that we are moving toward better days. We look forward to seeing you and sharing this meaningful season.

## **Come Home for Holy Week!**

Grace and peace,



Pastor Jeff