

Only God Can Judge



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Sunday, April 3, 2022 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| Prelude | "Allegro" from Concerto in A Major John Stanley | Kyle Webber |
| Welcome to Worship | | Erica Plesco |
| Hymn #368 (*UMH) | "My Hope Is Built" | Congregational Singing |
| Call to Worship | | Faye Bond |
| Response #2063 (**TFWS) | "You Are Worthy" | Congregational Singing |
| Invitation to Mission | | Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson |
| Time of Prayer | | Faye Bond & Jeff Nelson |
| Offering Our Tithes and Gifts | | |
| Musical Offering | "Thrice Happy the Monarch" G.F. Handel | Russell Calhoun |
| Doxology #95 (*UMH) | "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" | Congregational Singing |
| Prayer of Dedication | | Jeff Nelson |
| Scripture (**NRSV) | Matthew 7:1-6 | Faye Bond |
| Message | Only God Can Judge | Brian Wright |
| Sacrament of Holy Communion | | Brian Wright & Jeff Nelson |
| Hymn #620 (*UMH) | "One Bread, One Body" | Congregational Singing |
| Hymn #140 (*UMH) | "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | Congregational Singing |
| Benediction | | Brian Wright |
| Postlude | "The Heavens Declare the Glory of the God" Benedetto Marcello | Kyle Webber |

**United Methodist Hymnal*

***The Faith We Sing*

****New Revised Standard Version*

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APRIL SHOWERS RAIN GEAR COLLECTION

Throughout April, we will be collecting rain ponchos and new or gently used umbrellas to share with *Outreach on 7th* (new name for the Royal Oak First lunch program) and *HOPE* in Pontiac (led by Royal Oak First's Brian Wright). The rainy season can be very uncomfortable for those without consistent housing, and extra rain gear can help keep spirits strong. Bring your donations to church on Sunday morning or during regular office hours.



ONLY ONE MORE FISH DINNER CARRY-OUT LEFT!

On Friday, April 8, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., we will be offering our last carry-out fish dinner. Your carry-out 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. Visit www.rofum.org to order or use this QR code:



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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.

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PRODUCE COLLECTION

We need volunteers for April 8 and May 13 to provide fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store. To participate, we ask you to shop for produce on Thursday or Friday, and separate the items into 13 individual family bags. Then you drop off the bags at the delivery person's home. To sign up, please visit www.rofum.org or use this QR code:



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. 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 or use this QR code:



DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS

On Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m., the Detroit Lutheran Singers will be presenting "Lord of the Dance" an early American Shaker hymn with a text that evokes the life story of Jesus from birth to death to resurrection. These themes are carried throughout the concert repertoire with music selections by classical composers such as Mozart, Faure, Lotti and Haydn and modern composers including Rosephanye Powell, Dan Forrest and Philip Stopford. Tickets are \$15 for the general public at the door or at www.detroitlutheransingers.com. However, if you are a member or regular attender of Royal Oak First, FREE tickets are available for you. Please pick up your FREE ticket on the tables out in the gathering space.

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PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Abide Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a Sunday Brunch after both services on Palm Sunday, April 10. They are so excited to give us the chance to share a meal and fellowship. There is no cost for the brunch and reservations are not necessary.



PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

We have had 8 middle school students gathering this year to learn about their faith and grow in Christian love in preparation for their Confirmation. On Palm Sunday, they are sponsoring a bake sale where all of the proceeds will go to fund their Kingdom Projects that will support various nonprofits in the metro area.



EGG MY HOUSE

Let your kids wake up to a yard full of candy and toy filled eggs on Easter morning! Twenty four (24) eggs are \$20 or 48 eggs are \$40. All proceeds go to the Youth Mission trip. To place an order by Sunday, April 10, please use this QR code or click this link: <https://tinyurl.com/7ft5mkx8>.



MUSIC GUILD MEETING

There will be a Music Guild Meeting on Monday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. All are welcome as we discuss Choir Camp and other musical matters. Meetings are generally held the second Monday of the month if you cannot make this one!

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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.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Dave Minch • Ben Crowe • Bonnie Barber • Jamie Luczak • Joyce Negrich •
Lisa Rye • Bob Foote • Tom Soboleski • Bruce Conrad • Audrey Leenhouts •
Carol Lewis • Mike Long • Charlene Faunt • Marilyn Hocking •
Betty Latimer • John Wagster • Carl Sweet • Marian Kremer •
Diana Shornak •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Judy Burkhart • Steve Wurdock • Dorothy Follette • Carey Smith •
Mike Murray • Joe Dorsey • Marjorie Showers • Scott House • Linda Baker •
Joan Firestone • Grandma Johnson • Harold Baker • Pam Payne •
Margaret O'Donnell • Frank Cataldo • Tom Dunstan • Beth Roselle • T.B. •
Chrystl Roman • Jethro Horton • Deni Bartley • Evert & Kay Burchell •
Effie Lambros • The Pushman Family • Marc Reddekopp • Darryl Warren •
Sue Sugden • Teresa Baker •

Sympathies to:

Brian Wright and Mike Monte on the death of Brian's father, George Wright
on March 30, 2022

Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.

LETTER FROM OUR PREACHER

Dear Friends,

As you know, throughout Lent we are drawing inspiration from the Sermon on the Mount. This week we take a closer look at Jesus cautioning his followers to avoid being judgmental. Those who are judgmental invite judgment upon themselves.

This is an echo of the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have done to you. If you don't like being judged, don't judge others.

We also know that people are often held back by their fear of being criticized. Judgmental comments can make you feel overly self-conscious. If a person allows these comments to hold them back, they will avoid taking chances and risks that could propel them into a better future.

In contrast, it can be very empowering to live without the effects of judgmental evaluations. Can you imagine what the world could be like if we all lived without fear of harsh evaluations of everything we do?

If the point of the gospel is that God forgives us and that we should forgive others, then how can we sit in judgment of those around us?

May God grant us a life free of judginess. A chance to dream and try without the shame of failing. No matter how hard the struggle, may we believe friends and family are cheering us on to achieve.

God, hear our prayers.

Brian Wright