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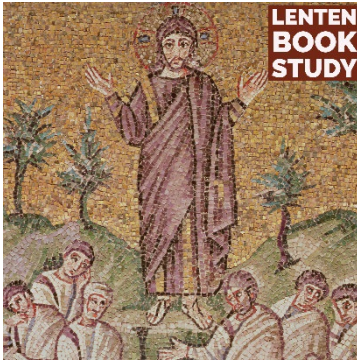
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 7:00PM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Bless the Lord” Taize Selection	
Words of Welcome		Jeff Nelson
Opening Song #2138 (**TFWS)	“Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesdays Ashes”	Congregational Singing
Gospel Reading	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21	Zack LaRose, Noah Ryckman & Sam Nelson
A Prayerful Reading of Psalm 51		Erica Plesco
Response #2200 (**TFWS)	“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”	Congregational Singing
Invitation to Lenten Discipline		Zack LaRose, Noah Ryckman & Sam Nelson
Hymn #415 (*UMH)	“Take Up Thy Cross”	Congregational Singing
Imposition of Ashes		Bridget Nelson & Jeff Nelson
Hymn #407 (*UMH)	“Close to Thee”	Congregational Singing
Invitation to Communion		Jeff Nelson
Great Thanksgiving		Erica Plesco & Jeff Nelson
Music During Communion	“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”	Congregational Singing
Closing Song #2157 (**TFWS)	“Come and Fill Our Hearts”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Postlude	“Depth of Mercy” arr. Brian Brill	Kyle Webber

**United Methodist Hymnal*
***The Faith We Sing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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! Visit www.rofum.org to sign up 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. 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 or use this QR code:



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.

HOLY WEEK

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

PALM SUNDAY

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. Our children 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. We will recreate the upper room where Jesus gathered for one last meal with his closest friends.

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. Come to the foot of the cross and experience the passion of Jesus.

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

7 LAST WORDS POETRY SLAM

You don't want to 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.