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Sunday, April 24, 2022 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Variations on “Now the Green Blade Rises” (I,II,II,IV,IX,X) arr. Keith Kolander	Kyle Webber
Hymn #315 (*UMH)	“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”	Congregational Singing
Call to Worship		Sandy Prokopp
Response #177 (*UMH)	“He Is Lord”	Congregational Singing
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment	Noisy Bucket	Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		Sandy Prokopp & Jeff Nelson
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“Christ Is Alive! Alleluia!” arr. Michael Helman	Beginning Adult Handbell Choir
Doxology #95 (*UMH)	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Scripture (**NRSV)	John 20:19-25	Sandy Prokopp
Message	Perfectly Imperfect	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #303 (*UMH)	“The Day of Resurrection”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Postlude	Postlude on “Lancashire” arr. Jason D. Payne	Kyle Webber

**United Methodist Hymnal
**New Revised Standard Version*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LUNCH FOR YOUNG ADULTS IS TODAY!

Between the young adults that have grown up in this congregation and new people finding us, we are noticing an exciting number of young adults here on Sunday mornings! We want to help you meet each other! **Join us for a light lunch in the Parlor after the 11:00 a.m. service on April 24.** Come and meet other young adults and let's see if there are some things we want to do together. Please contact Bridget Nelson at bnelson@rofum.org or 248.541.4100 with any questions.



CONFIRMATION WORSHIP ON MAY 1

We are excited to have eight 8th graders being Confirmed this year. This group has spent time together in monthly gatherings learning about God, their faith, their church and themselves. **On May 1, the 11:00 a.m. service will be a service of Confirmation.** All are welcome! We just wanted to give notice that it will not feel entirely like a usual 11:00 a.m. service. Come join us and celebrate this milestone moment in the lives of these young people.



ROYAL OAK FIRST 2022 DIRECTORY

The new church directory is now available! Stop by the reception desk or call or email the church office (248.541.4100/office@rofum.org) to receive your copy of the directory.

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DETROIT HANDBELL ENSEMBLE FREE CONCERT

Please join the **Detroit Handbell Ensemble (DHE)** for a **FREE concert on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.** in the church Sanctuary. Under the Artistic Direction of Brenda E. Austin and Associate Conductor, Kyle Webber, DHE will bring a program called "The Road Less Taken" featuring many original compositions composed for handbells including some written by our very own Kyle Webber! Also featured will be some familiar tunes including Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World" and "I've Got Peace Like a River." Come experience an enjoyable evening featuring the art of handbell ringing presented by Detroit premiere handbell ensemble.



CAMP FUNDRAISING CONCERT

On Saturday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m., we have an opportunity to hear some great music and support our kids going to Choir Camp! Our concert will feature our Youth Band and the Joel Palmer Band. Admission is free and an offering will be taken to help kids go to Choir Camp in July. All are welcome!

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“PERSON TO PERSON CONNECTING MINISTRY”

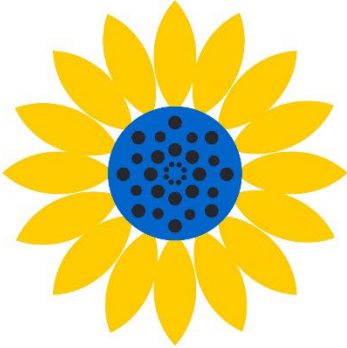
We are excited to introduce our new “Person to Person Connecting Ministry”. The idea behind this project is to connect the skills, talents, and interests of our members with the needs of others throughout our church and community. We hope you will take a few minutes to fill out our survey so we can help build stronger connections together. Visit www.rofum.org or use this QR code:



APRIL SHOWERS RAIN GEAR COLLECTION-ONE WEEK LEFT!

Just one week left for us to collect 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 (M-Th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

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Since Easter Sunday, we have raised \$14,102.00!

Donations of \$25 dollars or more come with two packets of Sunflowers (one for you and one to share with a neighbor) and a Plant Hope yard sign. This is one way we can shed light and love into the lives of those touched by this terrible war.

If you haven't already donated to the cause, please consider doing so by scanning the QR code below or click here:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YNPG/campaign/C-12JWJ>



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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Barb Nicholas • Adrienne Loftin • Martha Pascoe • Sara Simons •
Ben Crowe • Jamie Luczak • Joyce Negrich • Lisa Rye • Bob Foote •
Tom Soboleski • Bruce Conrad • Audrey Leenhouts • Mike Long •
Charlene Faunt • Marilyn Hocking • Betty Latimer • John Wagster •
Marian Kremer • Diana Shornak •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Tim Christopher • Hannah Williams • Dan Inch • Judy Burkhart •
Steve Wurdock • Dorothy Follette • Carey Smith • Mike Murray •
Joe Dorsey • Marjorie Showers • 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 • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden •
Teresa Baker •

Congratulations to:

Sara and Marshal Simons on the birth of their sons, Harlan Simons and Otto Simons on April 15, 2022

Emily and Chris Baker on the birth of their son, Isaac Lynn Baker on April 12, 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 PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Let me just begin by saying thank you.

Thank you for all the prayers for healing sent my way this past weekend. I still can't believe that I came down with COVID on Maundy Thursday and had to watch from home all the wonderful worship experiences of last weekend. I wonder if this was God's way of creating a deeper empathy for all of you Lions fans? Is this what it feels like to try so hard to get it right only to have something weird creep up at the last minute and steal victory? If that is the case, let me just say I get it and am done with poking fun at the Motor City Kitties!

Seriously though, I felt your concern and your prayers, and I just wanted to say thank you.

I also wanted to thank all our staff and lay leadership for leaning into the moment and delivering five very inspired and heartfelt worship experiences. Pastors Bridget and Jennifer stepped into their new roles in new ways and our worship, office and program staff followed their lead! We are blessed with a great team and I'm thankful to each and every one of you for your faithful leadership.

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That is what this next season of our life together is going to be about: it is going to be planting hope in our lives, in the lives of our friends and neighbors and throughout the world. This is what Easter is really about - not a day, but a way of being in the world.

So grateful to be on this journey together!

Grace and Peace,



Handwritten signature of Pastor Jeff, with a smiley face drawn below the name.