

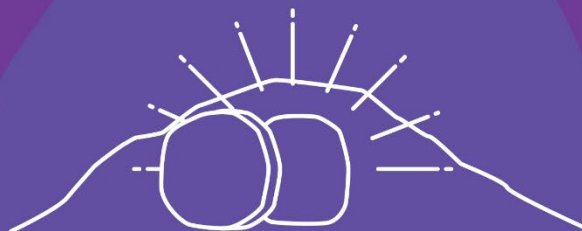


**ROYAL OAK
FIRST**
A United Methodist Church



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17, 2022
9:00 AM Worship



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome		Erica Plesco
Song	“Raise a Hallelujah”	Congregational Singing
Song	“I Can Only Imagine”	Congregational Singing
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		Jeff Nelson
Response	“Build My Life”	Congregational Singing
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Love Like This” Lauren Daigle	Kiersten Ciccone
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Scripture (*NRSV)	Mark 16:1-8	Erica Plesco
Song	“Sunflower” Post Malone	Erica Plesco & Tim Schoenherr
Message	Plant Hope	Jeff Nelson
Song	“Ain’t No Grave”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Sending Music		House Band

**New Revised Standard Version*

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Church Office is
Closed on April 18

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Please be aware that the church office will be closed on Monday, April 18.



“SERMON ON THE MOUNT” ZOOM RETREAT

Led by our Pastors and our Adult Discipleship Coordinator, this Zoom retreat on Friday, April 22 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 23 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. is open to everyone who participated in any of the Lenten Book Study Groups, as well as anyone who read the book on their own. On Saturday, we will have an engaging and informative conversation including Q & A with the author of the “Sermon on the Mount” book, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. To sign-up, scan the QR code in the image or visit www.rofum.org.

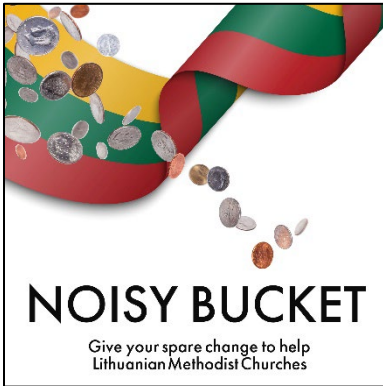


PASTOR CHAT

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. Questions such as: “How can I help serve the community?”; “I have questions about the beliefs of the United Methodist Church”; or “How can my kids be involved in the church?” will be covered. **The next Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, April 24 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



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NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on **Sunday, April 24** at either **the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service** and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania.



LUNCH FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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.



ROYAL OAK FIRST 2022 DIRECTORY

Beginning Easter Sunday, the new church directory will be 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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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:



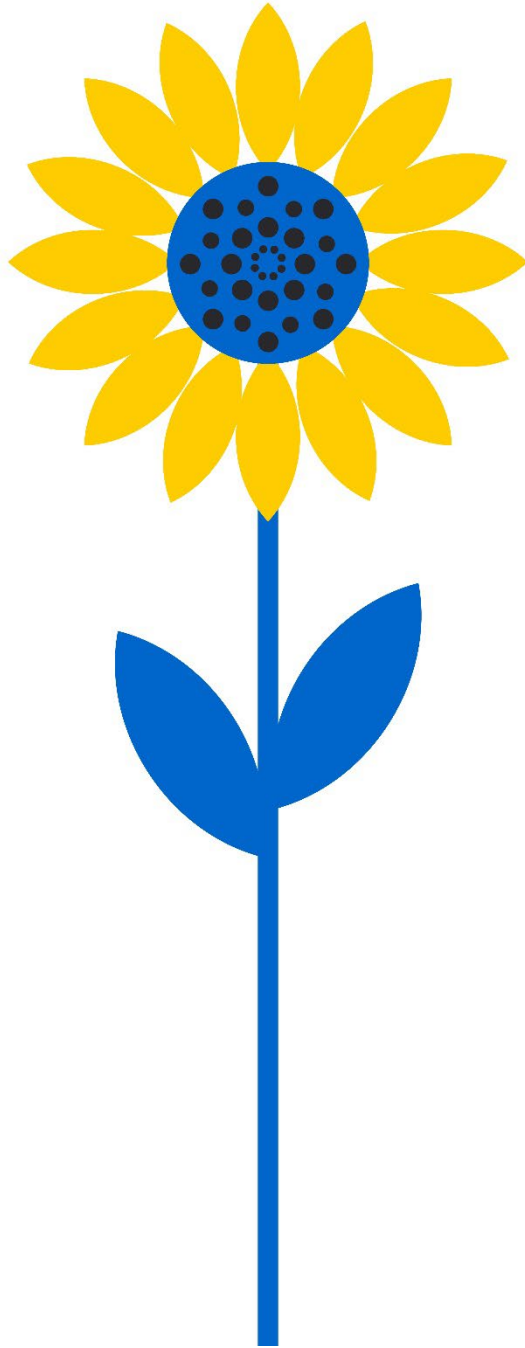
APRIL SHOWERS RAIN GEAR COLLECTION

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 (M-Th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)



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.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

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:

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:

Mike and Victoria Kozan on the birth of their son, Charles Brian Kozan 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 PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter!

I just want to take this moment to thank each of you for making this journey with us. To borrow a line from the Apostles John and Paul (Lennon and McCartney that is), we have all taken the “long and winding road” to get here. I want to thank you for the courage, patience, perseverance and grace that you have shown these past two years. It has not been easy, but together we have experienced miracles both small and big along the way.

And so this year, Easter feels more real than ever for me. I feel like the stone has been rolled away and we are able to step outside of our socially-distanced lives and back into life together as a community. It feels like there is once again new hope and new possibilities for us to explore. Whether it is for worship, fellowship or service, it is my prayer that over the months to come, you will indeed find your way back into community.

The last two years have taught us many valuable lessons one of which is the importance of quality online experiences. As we nudge each other back into community life together, we will continue to offer both worship and educational experiences online. So no matter how you feel best able to connect with your church, there will be plenty of opportunities to do so.

As Easter comes this year, we will continue to be in prayer with our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. May they find the promises of this season to be true for them as our global community continues to strive for peace.

Once again - Happy Easter!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff