



Palm Sunday



**ROYAL OAK
FIRST**
A United Methodist Church

**Sunday, April 10, 2022
9:00 AM Worship**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to Worship		Erica Plesco
Song	“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”	Congregational Singing
Song	“God of This City”	Congregational Singing
Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment		Karla Goetz & Deb Lockledge
Time of Prayer		Jeff Nelson
Response	“Build My Life”	Congregational Singing
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Ride On” Ron Moore	Elementary Choir with Charlotte Ryckman, Guitar Isaac Ryckman, Guitar Noah Ryckman, Cajon
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Scripture (*CEB)	Luke 19:28-40	Kyle Webber
Song	“Let it Go” with Prayer of St. Francis	Erica Plesco & Tim Schoenherr
Message	Take a Stand	Jeff Nelson
Song	“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Sending Music		House Band

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DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US FOR PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH AFTER SERVICE TODAY!

Join us after both services today where the Abide Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a Sunday Brunch. They are so excited to give us the chance to share a meal and fellowship. Please join us in the parlor for a delicious brunch!



PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE IS TODAY!

We have had eight middle school students gathering this year to learn about their faith and grow in Christian love in preparation for their Confirmation. Check out their bake sale today out in the gathering space where all of the proceeds will go to fund their Kingdom Projects that will support various nonprofits in the metro area.



APRIL SHOWERS RAIN GEAR COLLECTION

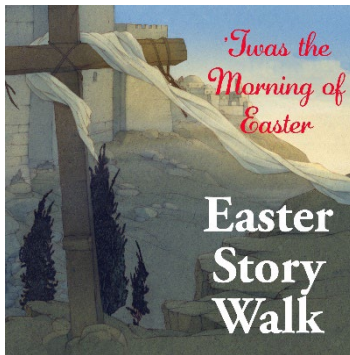
Throughout April, we will be collecting rain ponchos and new or gently used umbrellas to share with *Outreach on 7th* (new name for the Royal Oak First Lunch Program) and *HOPE* in Pontiac (led by Royal Oak First's Brian Wright). The rainy season can be very uncomfortable for those without consistent 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.)

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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!



EASTER STORY WALK

On the church front lawn, starting on Wednesday, April 13, join us for an Easter Story Walk where your family is invited to take part in a story walk of the book "Twas the Morning of Easter" by Glenys Nellist. The Story Walk is numbered so that each family can read the story together. Don't worry if you can't make it on April 13, the Story Walk will be set up through 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 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.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.

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PERSON TO PERSON CONNECTING MINISTRY

During today's Mission Moment, Deb Lockledge will 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:



MAUNDY-THURSDAY

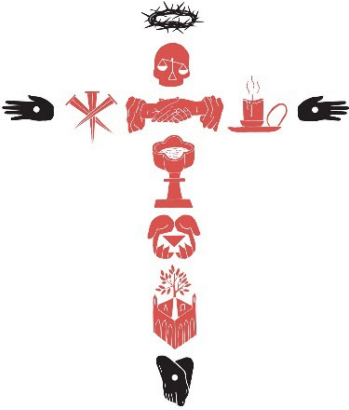
This powerful evening service on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. (offered both in person and online) is a very meaningful night of hymn singing and communion as we commemorate Jesus' last meal with his disciples.



GOOD FRIDAY

On Friday, April 15 at noon, join us in person or online for an impactful Good Friday worship service remembering Jesus' final day. This is a service of deep reflection.

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7 LAST WORDS POETRY/MUSIC SLAM

On Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. don't miss this live event (in person and online) where poets and musicians muse on Christ's last words. Unique, poignant, and compelling, the 7 Last Words Poetry/Music Slam offers insights into Christ's humanity and divinity in his final moments.



EASTER SUNDAY, 9:00AM AND 11:00AM WORSHIP

Easter Sunday is finally here! On Sunday, April 17 celebrate the resurrection of Christ with us (either in person or online). 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.



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!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Ben Crowe • Bonnie Barber • 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 •
The Pushman Family • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Teresa Baker •

Congratulations to:

Colleen and Mike Burkett on the birth of their son, Clive Alan Burkett on
March 29, 2022

Sympathies to:

Family and friends of Toby Farrington

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,

Holy Week is here.

This is the week where our story comes most to life. This week we are invited to follow Jesus into the heart of his life and mission. In the next week, we will march with Jesus into Jerusalem. We will share a meal with him in the intimacy of The Upper Room. And we stand in shock and awe as we listen to his final words from the cross. This week will help us best understand who Jesus is and what he stands for. It's Holy Week.

It is our prayer that you'll come home for Holy Week.

Starting this Sunday, we will wave palms, experience children's choirs and have a special brunch, sponsored by our Abide Men's Fellowship. Thursday evening we will gather in the Sanctuary to share communion and sing the great hymns of the faith. Friday there are two chances to worship. One at noon as we experience the darkness of a Tenebrae Service and in the evening we will have our 7 Last Words Poetry Night. All of this culminates on Easter Sunday where we will have brass to accompany the return of our Sanctus Choir.

Please plan to join us in person or online for this powerful week.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff