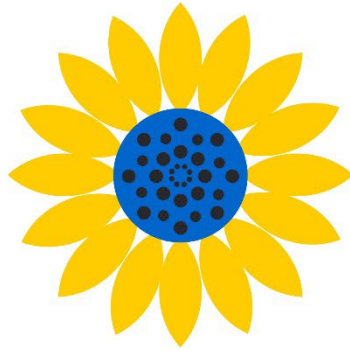


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Sunday, May 15, 2022 11:00AM  
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	“Almighty” arr. Kevin McChesney	Carillon Ringers
<b>Opening Hymn #327</b> (*UMH)	“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (Stanzas 1,3,4)	Congregational Singing
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Lisa Combs
<b>Response #177</b> (*UMH)	“He Is Lord”	Congregational Singing
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
<b>Sacrament of Holy Baptism</b>	Vincenzo Bartelotti ( <i>Son of Melanie and Joseph Bartelotti</i> ) Maya VanderMeer ( <i>Daughter of Lisa and John VanderMeer</i> )	
<b>Anthem</b>	“Blessed Assurance” arr. Joel Raney	Sanctus Choir & Kaylee Derkowski
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		Lisa Combs
<b>Offering Our Tithes and Gifts</b>		Lisa Combs
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Rondo Jubilee” Brenda E. Austin	Carillon Ringers
<b>Doxology #95</b> (*UMH)	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	Congregational Singing
<b>Prayer of Dedication</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Scripture</b> (**NIV)	Mark 12:18-24,27	Lisa Combs
<b>Song</b>	“There Will Be a Day” Jeremy Camp	Tim Schoenherr
<b>Message</b>	A Very Different Choice	Jeff Nelson
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	“Lord of All Hopefulness”	Congregational Singing
<b>Benediction</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Postlude</b>	“Acclamation in G Minor” arr. Karen Thompson	Carillon Ringers

\*United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\*New International Version

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## PRIDE & ALLY-PLANNING MEETING

Join us right after the 11:00 a.m. service concludes today in the Parlor to discuss the two upcoming Pride events that Royal Oak First will be participating in and to gauge interest in forming a group that would get together for social gatherings, such as: dining out, bowling, and movies. A light lunch will be served.



## MICAH 6 BLOCK BLITZ- CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

On Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, Royal Oak First will be sending teams of volunteers to be hands-on support to our neighbors in Pontiac. We will give a quick burst of light to this community during the Micah 6 Block Blitz neighborhood cleanup event. Many hands make light work, and that's what we are hoping to contribute. To double your impact, we will also be matching all volunteer shifts with a financial donation to Micah 6. Please scan this QR code or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) for more information and to sign up!



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## **CAMP FUNDRAISING CONCERT HAS BEEN POSTPONED**

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, this concert has been postponed. Please look for further details about a new date in the fall.



## **CHOIR CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS**

After two years of not having an overnight camp experience for our kids, I am happy to say we are going back to Camp Ohiyesa in Holly...WooHoo! It is time to start thinking about campfires, Olympics, swimming, and all the fun we have! **Camp will be the week of July 17-23 and we need volunteers! Camp staff applications will be available in the church office and on the Information Table in the Narthex.** The deadline for submission is Sunday, May 22. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.703.8805 or email her at [jtropoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtropoli@rofum.org).

## **PLANT HOPE TELETHON**

Join us on Facebook Live on Tuesday, May 24, Wednesday, May 25 and Thursday, May 26 from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. for the Plant Hope Telethon where we will be raising money for Ukrainian refugees with live musical performances for you to enjoy and the opportunity to participate in our Plant Hope Initiative. Our performers will be Erica Plesco, Jason Sherman, Kyle Webber and Liz Wright. Please plan to join us!



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## Pride Sunday Worship

### PRIDE SUNDAY WORSHIP

Are you interested in helping to plan and design worship for Pride Sunday, June 12, 2022? If you are interested in helping to write liturgy, give a testimony, or write a poem, the worship staff wants to hear from you as we celebrate our LGBTQIA+ community. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the Information Table in the Narthex or please email our Worship Director, Kyle Webber at [kwebber@rofum.org](mailto:kwebber@rofum.org).



### MAY BABY SHOWER & DIAPER DRIVE

In honor of Mother's Day, Royal Oak First is hosting a "Baby Shower" collection to benefit the many, many single mothers and families supported through Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) and the Methodist Children's Home & Society (MCHS). **We are collecting diapers, wipes, and gently used infant and older youth clothing and gear.** We've set a goal of collecting 2022 diapers in May. Please bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings or during regular office hours.

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP** to reach our Plant Hope Initiative goal of raising **\$20,000** for the over five million displaced Ukrainian refugees.

**We have raised over \$17,000 so far and are so close to our goal!**

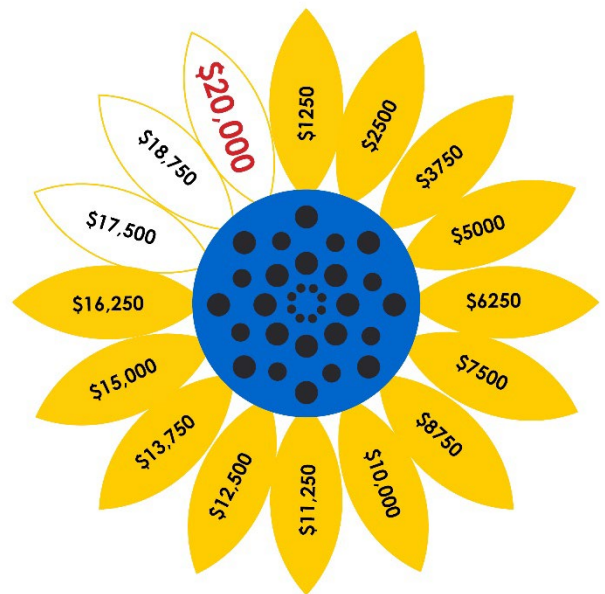
Donations of \$25 dollars or more come with two packets of sunflower seeds (one for you and one to share with a neighbor) and a Plant Hope yard sign.

Visit the Information Table in the Narthex after service OR visit this link:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YNP/G/campaign/C-12JWJ> OR scan the QR code below.



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# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

Art Miller • Dona Wells • Karen Porter • Barb Nicholas • Adrienne Loftin • Martha Pascoe • Jaime 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:**

Kelly • Joanne Monte • Hannah Williams • Dan Inch • Steve Wurdock • Dorothy Follette • Mike Murray • Joan Firestone • Grandma Johnson • Harold Baker • Pam Payne • Margaret O'Donnell • Frank Cataldo • Tom Dunstan • Beth Roselle • T.B. • Chrystl Roman • Jethro Horton • Evert & Kay Burchell • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Teresa Baker •

## **Congratulations to:**

Alex and Erika Peck on their marriage on May 14, 2022

## **Sympathies to:**

Kim Christopher on the death of her stepson, Tim Christopher on May 6, 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](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Our faith while personal is never private.

Our faith cannot be separated from the world around us and it cannot protect us from the toughest issues we face as people and as a community.

In fact, our faith is the vehicle that informs the ways we live and interact with the world and it is our faith that helps us both understand and engage the cultural issues that surround us.

And like every generation, ours is facing complex, tough and often divisive issues. In the last weeks, the cultural conversations around the Supreme Court's 1973 decision, Roe v. Wade and the legality of abortion have taken up center stage. These conversations can be among the most heated and hurtful, so much so that too often I have simply opted to not say anything about them, so as not to risk hurting or offending.

But certainly our faith has something to say about this moment and these issues we are grappling with as a nation, doesn't it?

As United Methodists, we have a unique theological method, a method that helps us discern where God is at in the midst of these conversations and how God may be asking us to respond. This method is different from many other faith traditions and I have found returning to it so helpful when engaging in these complicated cultural moments.

So this Sunday, I will use my sermon time to engage the questions of life and choice that we are facing once again as a people. I won't be telling you what to believe. I simply hope to explore a way that might help each of us clarify what we believe and why we believe it.

Our faith invites us to have these tough conversations.

Please join us online or in person as together we engage this moment as followers of Christ.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff