



Purpose?

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Sunday, September 11, 2022 10:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Almighty” arr. Wolaver	Tim Schoenherr
Call to Worship	(see page 8)	Kyle Webber
Opening Hymn	“Morning Has Broken” (see page 9 for lyrics)	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment	“For Goodness Cakes”	Jaime Luczak
Time of Prayer	(see page 10)	
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“There Are No Words” Kitty Donohoe	Bridget Nelson & Wayne Michalak
Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (see page 11 for lyrics)	
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn Medley	“Standing on the Promises” (see page 12 for lyrics) “In the Garden” (see page 13 for lyrics) “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (see page 14 for lyrics)	
Scripture*	Matthew 9:9-13	
Poem		Dimonique Boyd
Message	“Purpose? Purpose.”	
Closing Hymn	“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (see page 15 for lyrics)	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Joel Raney	

*Common English Bible

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS ARE BACK!

ROY (Royal Oak Youth) for 6th-12th graders starts today Sunday, September 11. We meet from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for dinner, games, activities and conversation.

Holy COW for 5th grade and younger, starts Wednesday, September 14. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and our program runs from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday School (4 years old-5th grade) starts Sunday, September 18 on the 2nd floor during both services.



SOCK-IT-TO-ME-SEPTEMBER!

New socks are one of the most important items for homeless folks in the winter. Our friends at The NOAH Project (at Central UMC) give out over 10,000 pairs of socks annually as part of their work supporting the homeless of Detroit. It is our goal to contribute 2022 socks to NOAH this year, in addition to restocking the supply at Outreach on 7th. Please bring a package or two of NEW MEN'S CREW SOCKS to church between now and October 3.



HANDS WITH DETROIT

The goal of Hands with Detroit is for United Methodists throughout the region to join together to support our neighbors in Detroit during the weekend of October 1st. Royal Oak First has signed up to participate in two ways: we will help establish a new dog park near Cass Community Services on Saturday, October 1, and we will pack sandwiches/lunches on Sunday, October 2 that we can send to the NOAH Project. Visit www.rofum.org or scan this QR code to sign up.



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THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL YOU: Discovering the Person Jesus Created You to Be **Tuesdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 11 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Join the ongoing Tuesday Night Women's Group, led by Pam Belecki, for a discussion of the book "The Good and Beautiful You: Discovering the Person Jesus Created You to Be" by James Bryan Smith. Theology Professor Smith focuses on care for the Christian soul and provides "soul training" exercises to guide this process. Purchase your copy of the book at your bookstore of choice. Come, meet friends you never knew you had! Visit www.rofum.org to register.



PAUL'S LITTLE LETTERS BIBLE STUDY **Wednesdays, Sept. 21-Oct. 26 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

This is a Bible study led by Josh Wright on the Apostle Paul's short letters in the New Testament: 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Galatians, Philippians, Ephesians, and Colossians. Adults and teens 16 years and older are welcome. Visit www.rofum.org to register.

GRIEF RECOVERY METHOD: An 8-Week Workshop Series

Wednesdays, Sept. 21-Nov. 7 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The Grief Recovery Method is just that – a method – a step by step process – an "action program" – for unlocking and respecting the emotional experience of our grief and exploring different beliefs about grief – especially the ones holding us back in life. No matter the kind of loss you've experienced, there is room for everyone to heal. Workshop leader is Tami Hollingsworth-Dowd, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist®. The cost is discounted at \$100 per person and limited to 10 people. **You must register by Friday, September 16 if you want to participate!** Visit www.rofum.org to register.



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THE GOSPEL IN BLACK AND WHITE ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Mondays, Sept. 26-Nov. 28 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff and his friend and colleague Reverend Dr. Kevin Smalls, Senior Pastor at Southfield Hope, for an online discussion on the Gospel of John focused uniquely on the different perspectives in interpretations of the Jesus story from both a Black and White perspective. Visit www.rofum.org to register.



JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS USING WISDOM OF THE ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP

Friday, Sept. 30, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

One of the most ancient spiritual tools for understanding human beings is the Enneagram. Come to this engaging 1.5 day workshop facilitated by Joyce Hollingsworth. You will learn about the Enneagram, increase your own self-awareness and gain new insight into your relationships with others – especially those different from you. Together we will see how the wisdom of the Enneagram can help us better follow Jesus' call to love others and love yourself. Join us to see with new eyes what makes you "tick", get to know and develop deeper connections with others at church, and move beyond the shallows in your spiritual journey. **You must register in advance.** Visit www.rofum.org to register.

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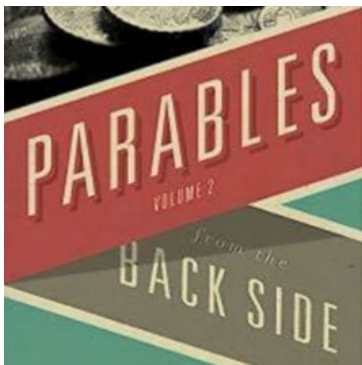


24/6: DISCOVERING THE ANCIENT WISDOM OF SABBATH FOR A MODERN WORLD

ON ZOOM

Sundays, October 2-November 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Using Matthew Sleeth's book "24/6: A Prescription for a Healthier, Happier Life" as a guide, Pastor Jeff Nelson will help us discover the powerful invitation to, "Remember the Sabbath and Keep it Holy." How do we find rest in a 24/7 world where the powerful technology we now possess can keep us enslaved to busyness? The Sabbath is about letting go of the controls one day a week and letting God be God. Purchase your copy of the book at your bookstore of choice. Visit www.rofum.org to register.



PARABLES OF JESUS

Wednesdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 16 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. OR 7:00-8:30 p.m.

This is about the parables of Jesus led by Pastor Jeff Nelson using J. Ellsworth Kalas' book "Parables from the Back Side Volume 2". Purchase your copy of the book at your bookstore of choice. Visit www.rofum.org to register.

READING THE BIBLE
— AGAIN —
FOR THE FIRST TIME



READING THE BIBLE AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME

Thursdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 17 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Join Pastor Bridget Nelson for a discussion on the book "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time". Theologian Marcus Borg invites Christians to "take the Bible seriously without taking it literally". Join us as we take another look at the Bible in a fresh new way to find its guidance for an authentic life of faith. Purchase your copy of the book at your bookstore of choice. Visit www.rofum.org to register.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Donna Allen • Faye Bond • The Fall Family • Diana Shornak •
Maya VanderMeer • Brian LaRose • Mark Lowman • Karen Porter •
Ian Kobb • Ann Anderson • Shirley Gnegy • Virginia Sleeman •
Al Simmons • Charles Courtney • Mary Lou Graeber • Art Miller • Lisa Rye •
Bob Foote • Tom Soboleski • Audrey Leenhouts • Mike Long •
Charlene Faunt • Marian Kremer •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Betty Bendz • Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks •
Brent Miller • James • Neil Franks • Edwin Gillette • Carl Jones •
Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Wally Bojan • Shelley •
Cyndi Luczak • Lisa Green • Kelly • Steve Wurdock • Grandma Johnson •
Harold Baker • Jethro Horton • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden •

Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19

Congratulations to:

Andy and Kim Harmon on the birth of their son, Raymond Harmon on
September 2, 2022

Ben Salvette and Lesley Jones on the birth of their son, David Salvette on
August 27, 2022

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator God, divine artist, you fashion the universe with skill and beauty.

All: We praise you!

Leader: Jesus, the builder, has shaped our hearts with loving hands and a steady eye.

All: We thank you!

Leader: Holy Spirit, breath of new creation, you continually fashion us anew.

All: We worship you. We open our hearts to you. We surrender ourselves to your shaping hands.

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Verse 1

Morning has broken
Like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird

Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word

Verse 2

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven
Like the first dew fall
On the first grass

Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness
Where His feet pass

Verse 3

Mine is the sunlight
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light
Eden saw play

Praise with elation
Praise ev'ry morning
God's recreation
Of the new day

JOIN
US IN
SONG!

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father
Who Art in Heaven
Hallowed Be Thy Name
Thy Kingdom Come
Thy Will Be Done
On Earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day
Our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But, deliver us from evil

For Thine is the Kingdom
The Power
and The Glory, forever.

Amen

**JOIN
US IN
SONG!**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

Verse 1

Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Standing standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing
I'm standing on the promises of God

Verse 2

Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living Word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God

**JOIN
US IN
SONG!**

IN THE GARDEN

Verse 1

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

Chorus

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

Verse 2

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing

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SONG!**

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness
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Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Verse 2

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

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LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Verse 1

What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 2

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 3

What have I to dread what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms



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LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Jesus is in the business of “flipping the script.”

He takes the impossible and finds the possible.

He takes the hopeless and finds the hope.

Jesus always finds a way even when there appears to be no way.

It is what he does.

It is who he is.

If Jesus is in the business of “script flipping,” then his people ought to be as well.

This month we will be looking at the different ways Jesus has flipped the script on life, finding purpose, joy, forgiveness and love when sometimes those things do not even seem possible.

And it begins this Sunday with our Homecoming celebration.

One service at 10:00 a.m. on the front lawn under the big tent.

We will sing and pray together and then we will eat and celebrate together.

In a time with such uncertainty and anxiety, we will follow the lead of Jesus and “flip the script,” creating a movement of community and possibility.

Thanks for being on the journey with Jesus - we wouldn't want to do it without you.

Grace and Peace,

