

GOD'S FIRST ACT



Sunday, September 4, 2022 9:30AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Child of Love” “Friend of God”	House Band
Welcome		Erica Plesco
Opening Songs	“Sunday Best” <i>(see page 7 for lyrics)</i> “Lovely Day” <i>(see page 8 for lyrics)</i>	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Song	“Be Still” <i>(see page 9 for lyrics)</i>	
Time of Prayer		
Response	“Be Still” <i>(see page 9 for lyrics)</i>	
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		
Musical Offering	“On Our Way”	Youth Band
Doxology	“Give Thanks” <i>(see page 10 for lyrics)</i>	
Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture	Genesis 1	
Message	“God’s First Act”	
Song	“Listen to the Music” <i>(see page 11 for lyrics)</i>	
Benediction		
Sending Music		

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 September 7 and October 3.



YOGA CLASSES RETURN IN SEPTEMBER

Chair Yoga classes, presented by our own Kimberlyn Palchak's "in.balance" returns in September. The classes will include: Mindful Meditation, Seated Yoga, and Focused Breathing. Classes are on Tuesdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. and Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the 2nd floor Chapel starting on September 6 and September 8 respectively. To sign up, scan the QR code in the image to the left or visit www.rofum.org.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) will be resuming general meetings. Our plan is to have quarterly programs with the knowledge that it takes a village, and to learn about women that take their faith into their work in the world. On Thursday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m. the United Women in Faith Executive Committee will meet. Then we invite you to bring a bag lunch (if you wish) and enjoy some provided beverages and dessert at 12:30 p.m. The program "Women in Ministry" with Reverend Louise Ott will begin at 1:00 p.m. Reverend Ott has years of experience with various levels of ministry and we will have the chance to understand the process and variety of service.

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RBI PRODUCE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! We are looking for one more shopper on September 9 and three more shoppers on October 7. If you are able to help, please visit www.rofum.org or scan the QR code to the left.



RBI FREE STORE MEALS

We are looking for volunteers to help assemble 65 meals for those who visit the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) Free Store. It takes about 2-3 hours of time. We need help on 9/23, 10/28, and 12/9. Please reach out to Karla at missions@rofum.org if you can help any of those Fridays.



FALL ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE TO REGISTER

We have a great selection of Adult Discipleship classes for this fall set up for you! Check out the details about each class and register in advance today! Visit www.rofum.org/christian-learning/adult-discipleship or scan the QR code in the image to the left.



PART-TIME COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S MUSIC NEEDED!

The Coordinator of Children's Music creates opportunities for our youngest disciples to learn the joy of music and community. From infants to 5th grade, our children will be nurtured in their faith and relationship development through participation in music with their friends and family. For a full job description, contact Pastor Bridget Nelson at bnelson@rofum.org or 248.541.4100.



**ROYAL OAK
FIRST**
A United Methodist Church

*Welcome
Home!*

FALL KICKOFF

Sunday, September 11



FALL KICKOFF-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- Please mark Sunday, September 11 on your calendar and plan to join us for the kickoff of the 2022-23 worship year.
- We will have one outdoor service (under the tent) at 10 a.m. that morning followed by a block party on 7th street.
- There will be food trucks, music, a bounce house and games for the kids!
- We ask you to bring a pair of men's socks for our traditional "Sock-it-to-Me-September" sock drive.
- Look for your postcard (with a \$10 off coupon for the food trucks) in the mail!
- Nursery care and supervised play space for kids available.
- We hope you can join us in person for service and/or the block party so we can say WELCOME HOME!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Diana Shornak • Brian LaRose • The Fall Family • Shirley Gnegy •
Maya VanderMeer • Mark Lowman • Karen Porter • Ian Kobb •
Donna Allen • Ann Anderson • Virginia Sleeman • Barb Nicholas •
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 • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Joan Firestone • 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

Sympathies to:

Family and friends of Barbara Nicholas on her death, August 29, 2022

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

SUNDAY BEST

Ay, feeling good, like I should
Went and took a walk around the neighborhood
Feeling blessed, never stressed
Got that sunshine on my Sunday best (yeah)

Ay, everyday can be a better day despite the challenge
All you gotta do is leave it better than you found it
It's gonna get difficult to stand but hold your balance
I just say whatever 'cause there is no way around it

E-e-everyone falls down sometimes
But you just gotta know it'll all be fine
It's okay, uh-huh, uh, uh
It's okay, it's okay

Ay, feeling good, like I should
Went and took a walk around the neighborhood
Feeling blessed, never stressed
Got that sunshine on my Sunday best

Ay, some days you wake up
And nothing works, you feel surrounded
Gotta give your feet some gravity to get you grounded
Keep good things inside your ears
Just like the waves and sound did
And just say whatever 'cause there is no way around it

E-e-everyone falls down sometimes
But you just gotta know it'll all be fine
It's okay, uh-huh, uh, uh
It's okay, it's okay

Ay, feeling good, like I should
Went and took a walk around the neighborhood
Feeling blessed, (Ay) never stressed
Got that sunshine on my Sunday best

**JOIN
US IN
SONG!**

LOVELY DAY

When I wake up in the morning, love
And the sunlight hurts my eyes
And something without warning, love
Bears heavy on my mind

Then I look at you
And the world's alright with me
Just one look at you
And I know it's gonna be

A lovely day (lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day)
(Lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day)

When the day that lies ahead of me
Seems impossible to face
When someone else instead of me
Always seems to know the way

Then I look at you
And the world's alright with me
Just one look at you
And I know it's gonna be

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**JOIN
US IN
SONG!**

BE STILL

Be still and know
That the Lord is in control
Be still, my soul
Stand and watch as giants fall

I won't be afraid for You are here
You silence all my fear
I won't be afraid, You don't let go
Be still my heart and know
I won't be afraid

Be still and trust
What the Lord has said is done
Find rest, don't strive
Watch as faith and grace align

I won't be afraid for You are here
You silence all my fear
I won't be afraid, You don't let go

Be still my heart and know
I won't be afraid
I won't be afraid

Surely love and mercy
Your peace and kindness
Will follow me
Will follow me

Surely love and mercy
Your peace and kindness
Will follow me
Will follow me

Your love surrounds me
Your love surrounds me

Surely love and mercy
Your peace and kindness
Will follow me
Will follow me

**JOIN
US IN
SONG!**

GIVE THANKS

Oh give thanks to the Lord (3x)
Oh give thanks always!

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Oh give thanks always!

For He is good, the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever!

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His steadfast love endures forever!

Oh give thanks to the Lord (3x)
Oh give thanks always!

Oh give thanks to the Lord (3x)
Oh give thanks always!

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LISTEN TO THE MUSIC

Don't you feel it growing, day by day
People getting ready for the news
Some are happy, some are sad
Whoa, gotta let the music play

What the people need is a way to make
'em smile
It ain't so hard to do if you know how
Gotta get a message, get it on through
Oh, now mamma don't you ask me why

Whoa, oh listen to the music
Whoa, oh listen to the music
Whoa, oh listen to the music
All the time

Well I know, you know baby, everything I say
Meet me in the country for a day
We'll be happy, and we'll dance
Oh, we're gonna dance our blues away

And if I'm feeling good to you and you're
feeling good to me
There ain't nothing we can't do or say
Feeling good, feeling fine
Oh, baby, let the music play

Whoa, oh listen to the music
Whoa, oh listen to the music
Whoa, oh listen to the music
All the time

Like a lazy flowing river
Surrounding castles in the sky
And the crowd is growing bigger
Listening for the happy sounds
And I got to let them fly

Whoa, oh listen to the music
Whoa, oh listen to the music
Whoa, oh listen to the music
All the time

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LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

One of the things that makes Royal Oak First a unique place to worship and serve is our downtown location. Being downtown literally puts us in the heart of our community. We are surrounded by restaurants, clubs, salons and shops. Hundreds of people walk by our church every day, giving us the opportunity to share a message of hope with people who may never even set foot inside our building.

This weekend is one of those moments where the number of people from the community that use our building will literally be in the tens, if not hundreds, of thousands. Labor Day Weekend is always home to the annual Arts, Beats & Eats festival, a four-day celebration of music, art, food and community.

And Royal Oak First is smack dab in the middle of it all!

Long before I became the pastor of this church, Royal Oak First has made our building a center for hospitality for the festival. It is the volunteer center for the entire festival, giving the thousands of volunteers that support this weekend a place to gather, get information, take a break and use the restrooms. Every year I find people just sitting in our sanctuary, taking in the peaceful calm that our space provides.

Our front lawn becomes a true place of community and connection, as we provide tables and chairs for people to sit and enjoy their food, talk about their experiences and share the camaraderie that the weekend provides. In addition, our front lawn hosts two very important stations that provide comfort and care to festival goers. We offer both a diaper changing and breastfeeding space for families of infants and toddlers who need a private, clean space to care for their families.

This is what it looks like when a church decides that its space is a gift for others and gives it gladly so others may both enjoy and benefit from our spiritual home. (It is important to note that Michael Monte and the Outreach on 7th Team will keep the lunch program open during the week, ensuring that those experiencing hunger and homelessness are served!)

It would be easy to consider Arts, Beats & Eats a major distraction to the operation of our church. Instead this community has decided to “flip the script” and see this weekend as an opportunity to be a blessing to others! It is one of things I appreciate most about you and this place.

I want to invite you to come and be a part of this weekend by joining us for worship on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. on Americana stage located on 6th and Lafayette. We will literally take our message to the streets and provide a place of worship, prayer and celebration to the wonderful busyness all around us!

Thanks for getting “it,” and giving so generously of our space to the benefit of the community.

Grace and Peace,

