

Water Walkers

Sunday, October 30, 2022 9:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Tim Schoenherr

Song

“He’s Our Rescuer”

Song

“God of This City”

Welcome & Invitation to Mission

Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson

Time of Prayer

Response

“Be Still”

Invitation to Offering

Erica Plesco

Musical Offering

“Brave”
Josh Groban

Sam Garrett

Doxology

“Give Thanks”

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture*

Luke 19:1-10

Message

“Giving the Right Way”

Josh Wright

Consecrating Our Commitments for 2023

Song

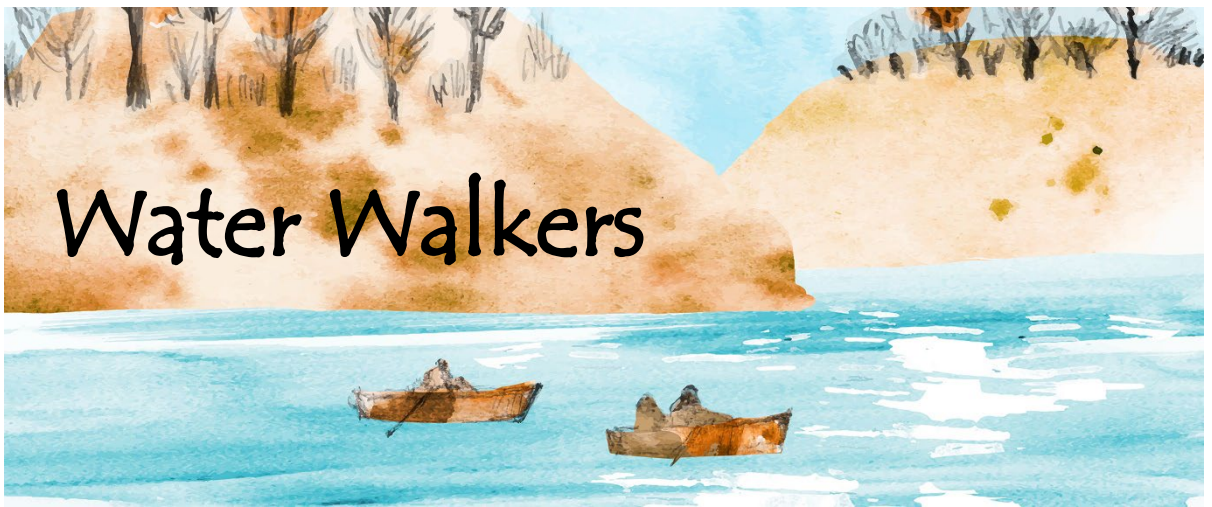
“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

Benediction

Sending Music

House Band

**Common English Bible*



TODAY IS PLEDGE CARD SUNDAY

As we have been hearing over the past three weeks, we have been talking about Royal Oak First being a community of water walkers; people committed to helping each other navigate life's storms. We are committed to caring for people at all ages and stages of life. We are committed to extending God's love to communities that too often get left out and left behind. We are a caring and generous people whose love extends beyond our walls to people both right outside our front door and people halfway around the world.

Pledge Card Sunday is the day we invite those who consider Royal Oak First their home church, to make their 2023 financial commitment to the transforming work of Christ through our mission and ministries.

Enclosed in today's Bulletin, you will find a 2023 Operating Pledge card. Please prayerfully consider how you will invest in the water walking ministries of Royal Oak First. Your estimate helps us plan and support the work that is so meaningful to all of us.

Your faithful generosity continues to make a difference here at Royal Oak First and around the world. We are excited to see how God will continue to use our gifts to bring transforming love and healing hope to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE IS HERE!

We have wreaths, crosses, roping, grave blankets, baskets, centerpieces, tins and more! Royal Oak First Music Guild's Christmas Greens Sale benefits our Summer Choir Camp Program to help offset costs so that camp is affordable for every child. You must place your order by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20. Go to www.rofum.org/greens-sale-2022 to order yours today!



MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION

We are collecting warm winter gear to support our Outreach on 7th guests. This collection is very important as it prepares us for the rest of the winter. Our current supply of **men's gloves** and **thermal long underwear (L, XL, XXL)** are depleted quickly. If you see some at the store, please grab a package. These items will make all the difference to our friends who spend their days and nights outdoors.



CARDS TO EDUCATORS

During October, we will continue the support of the educators of our church by sending them cards and notes of support. Please scan this QR code to find our list of Royal Oak First educators with addresses for mailing your cards, or stop by the information table for a printed copy. Even sending a few will go a long way to helping us surround our church family members with the love and support they need. Thank you for helping!



SIGN UP FOR CHAIR YOGA CLASSES



Chair Yoga classes, presented by our own Kimberlyn Palchak's "in.balance" are open for registration for October, November and December. The classes 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 October only). Classes will be held on Tuesdays only in November and December. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit www.rofum.org.





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SERVICE TIMES:

Sundays 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

I'M NEW!

We would like to welcome you to Royal Oak First! If you have any questions, please stop by the Connections Table just outside the sanctuary and someone can assist you.

STAY CONNECTED:

Website

rofum.org

Facebook

facebook.com/RoyalOakFirstUMC

YouTube

[youtube.com/c/
RoyalOakFirstUnitedMethodistChurch](https://youtube.com/c/RoyalOakFirstUnitedMethodistChurch)

AFTER SERVICE:

Join us for coffee and snacks in the Gathering Space after service. We can answer any questions you may have or simply get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

Making Christ's Love Real

Love God • Yourself • Others • The World

A group of approximately 12 children and two adults are posing for a photo on a paved sidewalk. The costumes are diverse: a large brown bear suit with a child inside; a girl in a white lace dress with a tiara and pink gloves; a boy in a red shirt holding a sign that says "SAVING THE PUMPKIN TO UP"; a girl in a pink dress with a long pink wig and a black bag; a boy in a yellow shirt with goggles; a girl in a black and white dress with a black wig; a girl in a blue and white checkered dress; a boy in a brown hat; a girl in a red and white polka-dot shirt; a girl in a pink shirt; a boy in a brown shirt; a girl in a black and white dress; and a girl in a yellow shirt. The background shows a brick building with a large arched window, trees, and a clear blue sky.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Jen Irish-Minewiser • Jon Rye • Abby Tripoli • Charles Kroell • Cathy Baker •
Trisha Ferguson • Sheryl Hunter • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton •
Faye Bond • Mark Lowman • Donna Allen • Ann Anderson • Al Simmons •
Charles Courtney • Mary Lou Graeber • Art Miller • Lisa Rye •
Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt • Marian Kremer •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Sandy Dittrich • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Tara Bouck • Jaime C. •
Joe • Mike Pilon • Larry Campbell • Phillip Makinen • Don Wolosok •
Carl Gunnels • Jamie Wittenberg • Carrie • Joan Firestone •
Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • James • Neil Franks •
Edwin Gillette • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas •
Wally Bojan • Cyndi Luczak • 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 Joan Hoelaars on her death, October 25, 2022

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,

Can I be honest with you?

I always feel awkward asking for money.

I suppose that awkwardness comes from the fear of being associated with televangelists who made us feel like God was always after our wallets. Or maybe that anxiety about asking for money comes from the worry that it might seem disingenuous to ask you to support that organization that provides for my salary. (And you have taken really good care of me and my family!!!!)

So I am doing something different this year. I am not making “the ask.” Instead, one of our long-time members, Josh Wright, will bring the message this week and tell us why he and his family are committed to investing in the mission and ministry of Royal Oak First.

Josh, his wife Liz, and their children, Virginia and Alfie, are connected in many important and vital ministries in the life of our church. From choir to hand bells, to teaching, to youth group, to Holy Cow, the Wrights show up with their gifts and resources to Make Christ’s Love Real.

In addition, Josh has taken on a new responsibility this year as our church historian. Josh knows our story. He knows what challenges we have faced as a community and he can testify how God has worked through faithful saints and servants on this corner for almost two hundred years.

Thank you Josh for making “the ask” this year. It is the faithful witness of people like you that God uses to make miracles happen.

You are invited to bring your pledge card with you this Sunday to worship at 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. You can always mail or drop it off at the office.

Thank you in advance for your faithfulness and generosity. With God’s help, we are truly making a difference.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor John". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.