



Sunday, March 12, 2023 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Little” Prelude and Fugue in Bb Major att. to J.S. Bach	Kyle Webber
Call to Worship		Jennifer Tripoli
Opening Hymn #2236**	“Gather Us In”	
Apostles’ Creed		
Response #70*	“Glory Be to the Father”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment	Redford Brightmoor Initiative	Hilary Kristal
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“How Great His Love” arr. Ruth Elaine Schram	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95*	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Monologue: Woman at the Well		Jenni Clark
Message	“It is Who You are That Counts”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #127*	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Fugue in G Minor” J.S. Bach	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH BAKE SALE - MARCH 19

We have had 10 middle school students gathering this year to learn about their faith and to grow in Christian love in preparation for their Confirmation. On Sunday, March 19 after both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, they are sponsoring a bake sale where all of the proceeds will go to fund their Kingdom Projects that will support various non-profits in the metro area.



EGG MY HOUSE

Let your kids wake up to a yard full of candy and toy filled eggs on Easter morning! Twenty four (24) eggs are \$25 or Forty Eight (48) eggs are \$50. All proceeds go to the Youth Mission Trip. To place an order by Sunday, April 2, scan the QR code.



SCAN ME



EASTER EGG FILLERS COLLECTION

The youth are collecting donations of individually wrapped pieces of candy, toys/trinkets, and plastic eggs for their annual 'Egg My House' fundraiser. Donations are being accepted through Sunday, April 2. A collection bin will be set up at the Connections Table on Sunday mornings.



SECOND HALF SAGES

Join us on Sunday, April 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor to gauge interest in forming a group of men and women aged 50+ from the church getting together throughout the year for fun social gatherings such as: dining out, movies, plays, book discussions, and sporting, cultural or music events. A light lunch will be served as we get your input and ideas for this group. Questions, please contact either Joyce Hollingsworth (312.330.7632 or jhollingsworth@rofum.org) or Lee Trumbull (248.541.4100 or ltrumbull@rofum.org).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earthquake relief for



EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FOR SYRIA & TURKEY

Be a part of our month-long fundraising effort for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for the work they are doing in Turkey and Syria following the earthquakes. **We have a challenge to match a \$5,000 gift from within the church. Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to donate and help us meet our match** to increase our aid to Syria and Turkey!



DIAPERS AND TOILET PAPER COLLECTION

Through the remainder of Lent we will be collecting both Diapers and Toilet Paper. We are hoping to fill the church from top to bottom with these highly needed items. Diapers will be donated to RBI and MCHS Family of Services. There is greatest need for diapers size 4 and larger. Toilet paper will be donated to Outreach on 7th and RBI.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BUY PRODUCE

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! **We still need shopping volunteers for April.** If you are interested in making a monetary donation in support of this project, or if you have time to shop but would need reimbursement, both of those contributions are greatly appreciated! **Scan QR code to sign up.**



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE KICK-OFF EVENT

Ever felt powerless and hopeless following a national or community tragedy? The Social Action Committee at Royal Oak First (The Justice League) is a place for you to begin political engagement/advocacy and will serve as a resource for the church's social justice community outreach efforts. Please join us for our kick-off event on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Oak Taphouse. Please contact Christie Mikell with any questions (christie.mikell@gmail.com or 734.347.4006).

holy week

at Royal Oak First 

Sunday, April 2, 9:00AM and 11:00AM -- IN PERSON & ONLINE

PALM SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will be led by our House Band and our children will participate in a Palm Parade. The Abide Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a **SUNDAY BRUNCH** after both services on Palm Sunday. There is no cost for the brunch and reservations are not necessary.

Thursday, April 6, 7:00PM -- IN PERSON & ONLINE

MAUNDY-THURSDAY- "The Living Last Supper"

Leonardo da Vinci's Renaissance masterpiece "The Last Supper" is brought to life in this remarkable work created by Ruth Elaine Schramm through character monologues, expressive melodies, and dramatic enhancements for an unforgettable communion celebration. Musicians featured will be our Sanctus Choir and Orchestra.

Friday, April 7, 12:00PM -- IN PERSON & ONLINE

GOOD FRIDAY

Join us in person or online for an impactful Good Friday worship service remembering Jesus' final day. This is a service of deep reflection.

Friday, April 7, 7:00PM -- IN PERSON & ONLINE

7 LAST WORDS POETRY/MUSIC SLAM

Don't miss this live event 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.

Sunday, April 9, 9:00AM and 11:00AM -- IN PERSON & ONLINE

EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Join us for a morning of worship and celebration featuring a brass quintet and Sanctus Choir. This is a morning celebration not to be missed!

ONLY ONE FISH DINNER LEFT!

Friday, March 24, 4:30-7:00PM

Did you know that proceeds from our fish dinners benefit our children and youth?

Kids Meal (12 & under)---\$5

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries.
Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Kids Meal (13-18)---\$10

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries.
Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Chicken Tenders Plate---\$14

Includes: 1/2 lb. Chicken Tenders, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Petite Cod Plate---\$15

Includes: 1/3 lb. Deep Fried Cod, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Full Cod Plate---\$17

Includes: Choice of 1/2 lb. Deep Fried or Baked Cod, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Zander (Pike Perch) Plate---\$18

Includes: 1/2 lb. Deep Fried Zander (Pike Perch), choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Kathy Sestok • Heather Diamond • Sue Genschoreck • Ann Cline •
Michelle Prud'homme • Marian Kremer • Kim Abela-Godfrey • Jane Sledd •
Sheryl Hunter • Lisa Rye • Mike Long • Al Knappenberger • David Salvette •
Kathi Burger • Tom Soboleski • Art Miller • Woody Siddall • Betty Goodrich •
Polly Tan • Lee Hoffmann • Karen Porter • Jim Shumaker • Mary Nahhat •
Jen Irish-Minewiser • Diane Sexton • Donna Allen • Ann Anderson •
Mary Lou Graeber • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Mary Lou Howard • Jaime Radick • Tom Thatcher • Colin Creger • Tom Hill •
Allison and Bill Hempstead • Larry Mead • Judy Gorney • Bob Blonde •
Patty Glass • Jim Castellani • Suzanne Ortiz • Mary McKinnon •
Dolores Mason • Victor Burgess • Margaret O'Donnell • Rick Hocking •
Scott Morrell • Sharon Pillow • Rachel Timm • Linda Swanson •
Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Mike Pilon • Larry Campbell • Phillip Makinen •
Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller •
James • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Kelly •
Steve Wurdock • Harold Baker • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden •

Sympathies to:

Kay LaCombe on the death of her husband, Dick LaCombe on March 2, 2023

The friends and family of Kevin Lasky on his death, February 28, 2023

*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,

This quote comes from Richard Rohr (one of my favorite writers) from his book “Falling Upward”:

“Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we change. In fact, God loves you so that you can change. What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change is the experience of love. It is that inherent experience of love that becomes the engine of change.”

This is the “big switch” that Jesus encourages everyone he encounters to experience. Jesus invites us to switch our understanding of faith from one where we need to change in order to be loved, to a faith where because you are loved you are free to make changes.

This is at the core of Jesus’ encounter this week with a woman at a Samaritan well. It is a powerful story of crossing boundaries and discovering the source of living water and at its core, is an invitation to make this “big switch.”

If you have about seven minutes to spare, I invite you to watch this clip from “The Chosen” that depicts this scene: <https://youtu.be/ordhsDeAt60>.

And if you have yet to experience “The Chosen,” I cannot recommend it enough. It is the best re-telling of Jesus’ story I have ever experienced - it is almost as good as the book!

See you at the well!

Grace and Peace,

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

Pastor Jeff Nelson