



Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:00AM  
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>"Morning Meditation"</b> arr. Steven Scott	Kyle Webber
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Erica Plesco
<b>Opening Hymn #369*</b>	<b>"Blessed Assurance"</b>	
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>		
<b>Response #70*</b>	<b>"Glory Be to the Father"</b>	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Offering Our Tithes and Gifts</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	<b>"Be Thou My Vision"</b> arr. Dan Forrest	Sanctus Choir
<b>Doxology #95*</b>	<b>"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"</b>	
<b>Jesus' Conversation with Nicodemus</b>		Jay Dunstan & Joyce Hollingsworth
<b>Message</b>	<b>"Be Born From Above"</b>	Jeff Nelson
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Closing Hymn #98*</b>	<b>"To God Be the Glory"</b>	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<b>"Trumpet Tune in D"</b> David Johnson	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## March Diaper & Toilet Paper Collection



## DIAPERS AND TOILET PAPER COLLECTION

Through the remainder of Lent we will be collecting both Diapers and Toilet Paper. We will take the dreary doldrums of winter and turn them into something worth bragging about. Which pile of diapers or toilet paper, will grow the tallest? We shall see...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.



## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR FISH DINNERS!

**Fridays, March 10 & March 24, 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

Did you know our fish dinners benefit our children and youth? Help us out in raising those funds by volunteering at a Fish Dinner to make it a success! **Please scan the QR code to sign up. Kids that volunteer get credit towards camp!**



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## 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, 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.

Earthquake relief for

**TURKEY  
AND  
SYRIA**

UMCOR

## 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 already 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!



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## 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 two shopping volunteers on March 10 and four more on April 14.** 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! Thank you to all who have helped with continued success of this project! **Scan QR code to sign up.**



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## 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.



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## 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.

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE KICK-OFF EVENT

Ever felt powerless and hopeless following a national or community tragedy? Interested in becoming more politically active or thought about attending a protest, but don't know where to start? Is your faith calling you to deeper action to advocate for the marginalized and oppressed? 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](mailto:christie.mikell@gmail.com) or 734-347-4006).



# holyy 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!



# TWO MORE FISH DINNERS LEFT!

**Fridays, March 10 and March 24**

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

**JOIN US THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 10 FROM 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

**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:

Dick and Kay LaCombe • Kathy Sestok • Heather Diamond •  
Michelle Prud'homme • Ann Cline • Marian Kremer • Charlene Orletski •  
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 • Jen Irish-Minewiser • Mary Nahhat •  
Diane Sexton • Donna Allen • Ann Anderson • Mary Lou Graeber •  
Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Jaime Radick • Tom Thatcher • Allison and Bill Hempstead • Colin Creger •  
Larry Mead • Tom Hill • Judy Gorney • Bob Blonde • Patty Glass •  
Jim Castellani • Suzanne Ortiz • Mary McKinnon • Dolores Mason •  
Victor Burguess • Margaret O'Donnell • Mary Lou Howard • 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:

Betty Latimer on the death of her nephew, Carl Gunnels on February 25,  
2023

*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,

I want to share with you a story about how your love makes a difference. Over the Valentine's Day weekend, we delivered over 70 packages of cookies to members of our community. This is our chance to show up and say we are thinking of you and wanted to simply share some of God's love and joy with you. I love to hear the stories of your adventures - I think it must have been how Jesus felt waiting for the disciples to return from their missions.

One story this year has really stuck with me. Tim Ryckman and his son Noah delivered cookies to Lee Hoffmann who lives at the Woodward Hills nursing facility. Tim came back and told me how wonderful it was to see Lee.

During the next few weeks I had the chance to visit Lee myself. She too thanked me for sending our "missionaries" as she called them. She told me what kindness they showed and in particular what a fantastic young person Noah was becoming (he had visited her before). Then with tears in her eyes she told me that the best part of getting the cookies was that it allowed her to share the love of God with her neighbors. All I could picture was Lee in her wheelchair going up and down the hallway offering a sample of the sweet treats that her church had shared with her.

Sometimes I wonder what God's love looks like - and then I learn of a moment like this and it becomes clear.

Mother Teresa once said, "We can't all do great things. But we can do small things with great love!"

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