



Sunday, April 30, 2023
9:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” arr. Lloyd Larson	Kyle Webber
Song	“Live Like That”	
Song	“Awake My Soul”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“Bless the Broken Road” Rascal Flatts	Laci Basel
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture*	John 10:1-10	
Message	“Follow The Leader”	Bob Prud’homme
Song	“Alive and Breathing”	
Benediction		
Sending Music	“Alive and Breathing”	House Band

**Common English Bible*

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 CONFIRMANDS

Siena Cuda • Matthew Derkowski • Ian Filipp •
Andrew Fritz • Julia Goetz • Ava Guerra •
Hannah Haines • Olivia Miller • Alaina Ryckman •
Shaelyn Simms •



MAY IS FOR MOMS COLLECTION

Our goal for the May Missions Collection is to support moms/women in need. We will be collecting feminine hygiene products (pads and tampons) and crafting kits. The feminine hygiene products will be used to create UMCOR period kits and also to supply the Outreach on 7th Essentials Pantry with these highly requested items. The crafting kits will be shared with MCHS Family of Services at the Heartline Residential Treatment Center for Women. Wish list items include craft kits (with instructions), other commonly used craft/hobby items for adult women, and old magazines for creating collages. These gifts will be used to help the women learn new healthy hobbies.



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Please join us for our first meeting of the Social Action Committee on Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Oak Taphouse. We will be discussing local projects we want to be involved with, as well as creating a communications hub for our Royal Oak First family. Please reach out to Christie Mikell with any questions you may have at 734.347.4006 or christie.mikell@gmail.com.

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Cinco de Mayo Carry-Out Tacos



CINCO DE MAYO CARRY-OUT TACOS— FRIDAY, MAY 5, 4:30-6:30 P.M.

This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild and all funds from this event will benefit our summer choir camp. You can pre-order some carry-out Street Tacos in celebration of Cinco de Mayo! Each meal is \$15 and includes 3 tacos in flour shells, chips, salsa, guacamole, and sour cream. Options include: Seasoned Ground Beef topped with lettuce and a Mexican blend cheese; Pulled Pork topped with Asian slaw and cilantro; or Shredded Chicken Salsa Verde topped with pickled red onion and Queso fresco. Scan the QR code to place your order and reserve your pick-up time.



Cinco de Mayo Carry-Out Tacos



CINCO DE MAYO CARRY-OUT TACOS— VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need kitchen prep help, runners and dishwashers on Friday, May 5 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild and all funds from this event will benefit our summer choir camp. Scan the QR code to pick a spot to volunteer!



Receive & Release



A Soul Care Retreat

RECEIVE & RELEASE: A SOUL CARE RETREAT

What does it look like to receive God's love and then release it into the world? To receive God's forgiveness and release it? We will spend the day taking time to receive from God and contemplate how we can release love into our spheres of influence. Join us on Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. where our day will be made up of sessions that include times of teaching, contemplation, and discussion. The cost is \$35 (includes lunch) to be paid that day with cash or a check. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



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WORSHIP ROUNDTABLE—MAY 6

On Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m., we will be hosting a "Worship Roundtable", which will give our church members an opportunity to hear what's going on in the life of worship while also providing the opportunity for attendees to give feedback on what they've liked, what they'd like to see, and any other thoughts they may have. Please reach out to Erica Plesco, our Assistant Worship and Arts Director at eplesco@rofum.org with any questions. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



DETROIT HANDBELL ENSEMBLE (DHE)

Detroit Handbell Ensemble is proud to present our spring concert "Let's Dance!" on Saturday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Royal Oak First. We've got a fun program that includes "The Tennessee Waltz," "Moondance," "A Million Dreams," "Dancing Queen" (yes, really!), and much more! Conducted by Brenda E. Austin and comprised of the finest handbell musicians from S.E. Michigan, DHE celebrates more than 30 years of outstanding performances. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.



ONLY ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Beginning 5/28 through 9/10

ONE SERVICE BEGINS MAY 28

Beginning on Sunday, May 28, we will be having only one service at 10:00 a.m. This will run through our Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 10. We will return to our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, September 17.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 19-22, 2023, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School "Food Truck Party" is a fun week-long program where children (for kids finishing 2nd grade and younger) will learn important lessons through hands-on activities about God's ability to provide, and because God loves and cares for us, we, in turn, can love and care for the rest of the world. Scan the QR code to register your child today!



SCAN ME



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ESSENTIALS PANTRY

The first Saturday of the month, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. the Essentials Pantry is open. We need volunteers to gather from our supply inventory and hand out these supplies to those in need. If you are able to volunteer, please reach out to Mike Monte at 248.541.4100 or mmonte@rofum.org.

ROYAL OAK FIRST ENDOWMENT FUND

One of the unique resources that Royal Oak First has created through generous gifts of its church family is an Endowment Fund. This fund is outside the normal church operating budget and provides security against significant financial challenges. The fund may also be used for important projects with long term impact. For example, it made possible the Royal Oak First Rebirth building renovation we are enjoying today. If after prayerful consideration you would like to donate to the fund, consider it in your estate planning, or have any other questions, please contact Sue Buxton at sbbuxton@sbcglobal.net or visit www.rofum.org/endowment or if you would like to donate today, please scan the QR code.



SCAN ME

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Ron Peludat • Jim Shumaker • Tom Roth • Neil Franks • Dave Minch •
Lee Ross • Kathy Siedler • Sue Genschoreck • Phil Button •
Bill and Faye Bond • Kathi Burger • Charlene Faunt •
Gloria and Al Knappenberger • Jordan Altman • Kathy Sestok •
Michelle Prud'homme • Mike Long • Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter •
Ann Cline • Lisa Rye • Tom Soboleski • Art Miller • Betty Goodrich •
Polly Tan • Karen Porter • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton • Donna Allen •
Ann Anderson • Audrey Leenhouts •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Diana Laginess • Brad, Karen & Lindsay • Nancy Graves • Bonnie Bates •
Glen Baker • Desire Anne • Penny Showers • Matthew Armour •
Connie and Ken Warner • Jonthan Larson • John Monte • Mary Lou Howard •
Tom Thatcher • Allison and Bill Hempstead • Larry Mead • Tom Hill •
Judy Gorney • Bob Blonde • Patty Glass • Mary McKinnon •
Margaret O'Donnell • Rick Hocking • Scott Morrell • Sharon Pillow •
Rachel Timm • Linda Swanson • Harold Baker • 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 •

*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 weekend is an important rite of passage for a group of teenagers in our congregation. This weekend we will celebrate Confirmation. Confirmation is a moment for young people to publicly express their commitment to Christ. It is also a chance for the church to publicly declare its continued support for them as they grow into adulthood.

Pastor Bridget and I have spent this school year journeying with this group of young people. We have learned to love and appreciate each of these students. They are fun, passionate and deeply in tune with how God is in their lives and their world. This Sunday, at our 11:00 a.m. service, we will introduce you to each of these disciples. We give thanks to God for Olivia Miller, Siena Cuda, Andrew Fritz, Ian Filipp, Hannah Haines, Julia Goetz, Shaelyn Simms, Alaina Ryckman, Ava Guerra, and Matthew Derkowski. I ask you to join us in celebrating their commitment to God, to each other, to our church and most importantly to the ongoing work of love and justice in the world.

Before closing, let me also take a moment to thank Bob Prud'homme for being our preacher at 9:00 a.m. this Sunday. Bob is a candidate for Deacon in the United Methodist Church, and along with his wife, Michelle, is an integral part of our church leadership and community. Bob's commitment to ecological justice and recovery ministries joins together the work for both personal and social transformation. We are blessed to have Bob as a part of our community life together.

Looking forward to sharing this weekend in worship together.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" in a cursive style. 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