

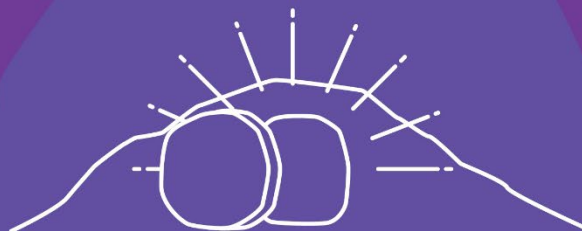


**ROYAL OAK
FIRST**
A United Methodist Church



Easter Sunday

**Sunday, April 9, 2023
9:00AM and 11:00 AM Worship**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“An Easter Celebration” arr. Joel Raney	Kyle Webber & Brass Quintet
Call to Worship		Erica Plesco & Brian Semivan
Opening Hymn #302*	“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”	
Affirmation of Faith		
Hymn #70*	“Glory Be To The Father”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment		Karla Goetz and Carrie Morse
Song	“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” arr. Joe Galyon	Carillon Rings
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		
Musical Offering	“Crown Him” arr. Dan Forrest	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95*	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture**	Matthew 28:1-11	
Message	“Where is He?”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #303*	“The Day of Resurrection”	
Benediction		
Response	“Hallelujah Chorus” G.F. Handel	
Postlude	“Contrapunctus IX” from Art of the Fugue	

**United Methodist Hymnal*

***Common English Bible*

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Church Office will be
CLOSED
Monday, April 10

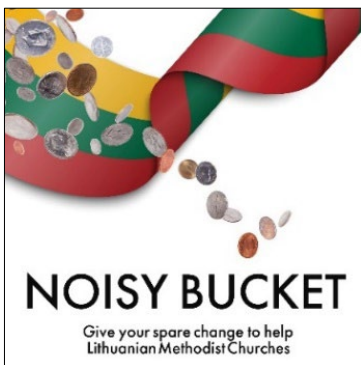
CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Please be aware that the church office will be **closed on Monday, April 10**. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m.



PASTOR CHAT-SUNDAY, APRIL 23

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. Questions such as: "How can I help serve the community?"; "I have questions about the beliefs of the United Methodist Church"; or "How can my kids be involved in the church?" will be covered. The next **Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, April 23 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in **on Sunday, April 23 at either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service** and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania. Don't miss out on making the bucket noisy!

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YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

Young adults from Royal Oak First will be meeting up on **Friday, April 28 for dinner at 8:00 p.m.** If you would like more information, let Pastor Bridget know at 248.541.4100 or bnelson@rofum.org.



CONFIRMATION WORSHIP ON APRIL 30

We are excited to have ten of our youth being Confirmed this year. This group has spent time together in monthly gatherings learning about God, their faith, their church and themselves. **On April 30, the 11:00 a.m. service will be a service of Confirmation.** All are welcome! We just wanted to give notice that it will not feel entirely like a usual 11:00 a.m. service. Come join us and celebrate this milestone moment in the lives of these young people.



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE KICK-OFF

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. Join us for our kick-off event on **Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Oak Taphouse.** Contact Christie Mikell with any questions (christie.mikell@gmail.com or 734.347.4006).

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**Earthquake Support
Day of Service**

TURKEY
AND
SYRIA

EARTHQUAKE SUPPORT DAY OF SERVICE

Join us on **Saturday, April 15, 8:45-11:30 a.m.**, to help fill a shipping container with medical supplies to be sent to Turkey. As part of Royal Oak First's response to the tragic earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, we have been asked to lend our hands to help these aid shipments from World Medical Relief leave their warehouse. We are hoping for 20 volunteers; teens are welcome too. Scan QR code to sign up.



SCAN ME



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 for fun social gatherings. A light lunch will be served. Questions? Please contact Joyce Hollingsworth (312.330.7632 or jhollingsworth@rofum.org) or Lee Trumbull (248.541.4100 or ltrumbull@rofum.org).

MICAH 6
COMMUNITY

**Earth Day
Clean-Up**

EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP WITH MICAH 6

To celebrate **Earth Day on Saturday, April 22**, we will head **outside with our friends at Micah 6 to clean up a park and sidewalks in Pontiac**. This will be their eighth year hosting the event, but the first time Royal Oak First will be joining. Let's enjoy the beautiful spring weather and spread some joy throughout the community! This family-friendly event runs from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We are also hoping for 4-5 volunteers who have battery powered hedge trimmers and want to clean up the hedges around Indian Village Park on Huron Street. Direct questions to Carrie Morse at carriemorseinmi@gmail.com. Scan QR code to sign up.



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BIG BOY NIGHT

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, April 25, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.** for Big Boy Night. This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild. The restaurant is giving us 15% of all sales which will support our summer choir camp. Every 30 minutes we will be raffling off lots of wonderful items donated by our members. Come on out and meet your church friends for a tasty dinner, maybe win a prize or two and support our youth ministry. The Big Boy is at 30460 John R, between 12 and 13 Mile, in Madison Heights.



HANDS WITH DETROIT

Hands with Detroit is returning to the Cass Community Social Service Neighborhood on Saturday, April 29. This event, sponsored by the Greater Detroit District United Methodist Church, provides the opportunity to join hands with our United Methodist neighbors and make a difference in our community while also building new connections and friendships. As a church, we will be **assembling meal packs on Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m.** to be donated to Cass Community Social Services. **Additionally, all are welcome and encouraged to sign up to volunteer on-site on the Saturday, April 29, from either 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m.** Opportunities for ages 10+ include kitchen prep, yard clean-up, document shredding, and light maintenance projects. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Kathy Seidler • Lance Perry II • Phil Button • Bill and Faye Bond • Mike Long • Kathi Burger • Gloria and Al Knappenberger • Jordan Altman • Kathy Sestok • Heather Diamond • Michelle Prud'homme • Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Ann Cline • Sue Genschoreck • Lisa Rye • Tom Soboleski • Art Miller • Betty Goodrich • Woody Siddall • Polly Tan • Karen Porter • Jim Shumaker • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton • Donna Allen • Ann Anderson • Mary Lou Graeber • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

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

Sympathies to:

The McKinnon and Backes Families on the death of Darryl Warren on April 3, 2023

The Garcia Family on the death of Sara's mother, Linda Pollard on March 29, 2023

Congratulations to:

Caitlin and Tim Barber on the birth of their son, Conrad Shawn Barber on April 3, 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,

Happy Easter!

I love Easter and everything it represents.

Easter is the bold declaration that despite what it looks like, death and destruction do not ever have the final say.

While it is certainly true that death and destruction may have their day, but because of what happens on Easter, they are forever denied their dominion.

There is something bigger - there is something better - always at play in our midst.

Jesus Christ rose from the dead! And with him so did everything he stood for: peace, justice, mercy and compassion.

I am proud to say that the people of Royal Oak First are an Easter People.

We believe in the power of life over death
of peace over war
of justice over oppression
of generosity over greed
of community over isolation
of hope over despair, and
of love over hate!!!

And around here - Easter is not just a day! Easter is a way of life!

So welcome Easter People to this day and all that it means for us!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" followed by a stylized flourish. 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