



Sunday, May 7, 2023
9:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“The Way (New Horizon)”	House Band
Song	“Great Are You Lord”	
Song	“Way Maker”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“Abide” Keyes/Williams	Maria Moro
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture*	John 14:1-14	Kyle Webber
Message	“Do You Know the Way?”	Jeff Nelson
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Song	“The Way (New Horizon)”	
Benediction		
Sending Music	“The Way (New Horizon)”	

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



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.



ONE SERVICE BEGINS MAY 28

Beginning on Sunday, May 28, we will have 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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PRIDE & ALLY GROUP

Our Pride & Ally Group will be looking for volunteers for our booth at some June and August Pride events. We will be at Ferndale Pride on Saturday, June 3, Family Pride Night at the Royal Oak Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 14, Berkley Pride on Sunday, June 25 and Royal Oak Pride on Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5. Please scan the QR code to sign up! Any questions, please email prideandally@rofum.org.



SCAN ME



WEAR RED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Pentecost is coming on Sunday, June 11 and that is the day to wear red. So if you need red church logo wear, order now so you receive it in time. Scan QR code to order.



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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!



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ESSENTIALS PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

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 is always grateful when people give of their time, talent and/or treasure.

Did you know that there are several different ways to give financially?

Text to Give: Text the amount you wish to give to 855.566.0093.

In Person: You can place a check or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate when it goes by or in one of the offering collection boxes just outside the Sanctuary.

Giving App: Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app to set up one-time or recurring donations.

Online: Visit rofum.org/giving to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

You can always check out our website, www.rofum.org for **Volunteer Opportunities** or subscribe to our weekly email, by going to this link: <http://eepurl.com/c9m7L9>.

For more information, contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 ext. 1225 or email jtripoli@rofum.org.

Thank you!




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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

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

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

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Penny Wilkie • Jim Slimek • Jim Castellani • Diana Laginess •
Brad, Karen & Lindsay Glutting • Nancy Graves • Bonnie Bates • Glen Baker •
Desire Anne • Penny Showers • Connie and Ken Warner • Jonthan Larson •
John Monte • Mary Lou Howard • Tom Thatcher • Allison and Bill Hempstead •
Tom Hill • Judy Gorney • Bob Blonde • Patty Glass • Mary McKinnon •
Margaret O'Donnell • Rick Hocking • 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 •

Sympathies to:

The Youngquist Family on the death of Amy's nephew, Matthew Armour on
May 3, 2023

The friends and family of Jean Pell on her death

Congratulations to:

Dan and Jenny Cattran on their marriage April 29, 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,

Let me share with you the highlight of my week. On Wednesday, I drove up to Gaylord and picked up my dad who will be spending the week with us. He drives from northern Wisconsin to Northern Michigan, and I am glad to bring him the rest of the way. (By the way, one of the perks of being a United Methodist is calling the church in Gaylord and asking if it's ok for your dad to leave his car in their parking lot for the week!)

I love the ride with my dad. For three hours we just catch up. We tell the same old stories. We listen to a lot of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Patsy Cline and sing like we are in the front row of a concert. And we remember my mom and feel her love still for us and between us. It is a holy moment.

Then I get to watch my dad share his love with our sons. Sam and he played cribbage. My dad brought his records and gave them to Casey who is now discovering the likes of Roy Acuff, Hank Williams and Tanya Tucker - discovering the roots of his passion for music in the songs his grandfather once loved.

This week we will not have a lot of big moments. We will simply share meals, play games, go to a high school band concert and remember that we belong to each other. And here is the deal- this is the way.

When Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, he was talking about whatever this is that makes these moments, these weeks so full of life and love.

This is what the after-Easter life is all about. And I am glad that I am able to be present to it.

I pray you find the Holy in the midst of the ordinary. It is where God meets us.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive 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