



**Sunday, June 25, 2023**  
**10:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”	House Band
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Erica Plesco
<b>Song</b>	“Open Up the Heavens”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Joanna Whaley
<b>Mission Moment</b>	Noisy Bucket	Leonard Benyas, Piano
<b>Children’s Moment</b>		Jaime Luczak
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		Megan Lee
<b>Offering Our Gifts and Tithes</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>		Wayne Michalak & Ella Michalak
<b>Doxology</b>	“Give Thanks”	
<b>Scripture</b>	Romans 12:3-8	
<b>Song</b>	“Change” Christina Aguilera	Erica Plesco
<b>Message</b>	“Every One is Vital”	Brian Wright
<b>Song</b>	“For Everyone Born”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Sending Music</b>	“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOAH Project



## SUMMER BBQ AT NOAH

On Thursday, June 29, Royal Oak First is heading to the **NOAH Project in Detroit** to help throw a **summer block party BBQ for their regular visitors**. Our Missions Team is providing the burgers, hotdogs, coleslaw, and chips. We are hoping for your help purchasing watermelons, baking cookies & brownies, and volunteering at the event. Thank you for helping us share the love of Christ, along with a summer patriotic spirit, with our homeless neighbors in Detroit. Scan the QR code to sign up.



**ROYAL OAK FIRST**

## PRIDE & ALLY GROUP VOLUNTEERS

Our **Pride & Ally Group** is looking for **volunteers for our booth at some June and August Pride events**. We will be at 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](mailto:prideandally@rofum.org).



**SOAP FOR  
SUMMER  
Collection**

## JUNE "SOAP FOR SUMMER" COLLECTION

The new Outreach on 7th Essentials Pantry is quickly gaining momentum. In April, it supported around 25 households, and in May it supported 40 households. Throughout June, we will be collecting **dish soap, laundry soap, and shampoo** to help meet the needs of this fantastic program! Please grab an extra few bottles and bring them to church this month. Thank you!

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## LEARN TO PLARN!

The Plarn Mat Project has officially launched for the summer of 2023. **Please stop by our table in the gathering space after service to learn how to make plarn** (yarn made from repurposed plastic grocery bags). This plarn will be used to crochet sleeping mats that are greatly appreciated by our Outreach on 7th lunch guests. If making plarn does not fit in your life currently, **we would still like your extra plastic shopping bags**. Please bring them to church and leave them in the plarn collection box.



## 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 items from our supply inventory and hand out these supplies to those in need.** If you are able to volunteer, please scan the QR code.



## LOVE HAS NO LABELS LAWN SIGNS

The Pride & Ally Group is offering “Love Has No Labels” lawn signs available for a suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds will go towards scholarships for teens to Camp Beloved, a LGBTQIA+ summer camp. Our signs are available at the Connections Table in the Gathering Space.

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## SECOND HALF SAGES POTLUCK

All 50+ Second Half SAGES (*Souls Actively Growing Ever Stronger*), including spouses or significant others, join us Thursday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m. for a backyard potluck and outdoor games at the home/backyard of Joyce and Tami Hollingsworth in Troy. Joyce and Tami will provide plates, plastic utensils, cool drinks, badminton, bocci and cornhole! You supply the food! Should it rain we will move inside. **All people ages 50+ are welcome whether or not you made our first planning meeting at the church in April!** Scan the QR code to RSVP and tell us the kind of food you want to bring! Questions or need help signing up, contact Joyce at 312.330.7632 or [jhollingsworth@rofum.org](mailto:jhollingsworth@rofum.org).



## KITCHEN CLEANOUT VOLUNTEERS

At 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, we need volunteers to help empty out the kitchen and back storage area to allow a professional cleaning company to deep clean the kitchen and the lower level. Depending upon the number of volunteers who help, we expect this to only take a few hours. If you can help, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at [jtropoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtropoli@rofum.org) or 248.703.8805.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION OF CASUAL WOMEN'S CLOTHING

While delivering the crafting kits you donated to the MCHS Family of Services Heartline Treatment Center for Women, we learned that they have a clothing closet that is running pretty empty. If you have **CASUAL women's clothing to donate in sizes small, medium, or large, please bring them to church (labeled with "Heartline")**. Karla will make another trip there with our collected items during the first week of July. Thanks!





Check out the photos from Royal Oak First's booths at the 2023 Ferndale Pride and the 2023 Family Pride Event at the Royal Oak Farmers Market. Don't forget we will be at the Berkley Pride Block Party on Sunday, June 25 from 12-4 p.m.



# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Joan Johnson • Grace Perkins • Gloria Knappenberger • Al Simmons • Phil Button • Lee Hoffmann • Neil Franks • Dave Minch • Kathy Seidler • Sue Genschoreck • Bill and Faye Bond • Kathi Burger • Jordan Altman • Allison and Bill Hempstead • Michelle Prud'homme • Mike Long • Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Art Miller • Karen Porter • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton • Donna Allen • Ann Anderson • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Jennifer Wood • Chrystl Roman • Alex Guiang • Liz Fitch • Penny Wilkie • Jim Slimek • Jim Castellani • Diana Laginess • Nancy Graves • Desire Anne • Penny Showers • Connie and Ken Warner • Jonthan Larson • Mary Lou Howard • Tom Thatcher • Tom Hill • Judy Gorney • Bob Blonde • Patty Glass • Margaret O'Donnell • Rick Hocking • Sharon Pillow • Rachel Timm • Linda Swanson • Harold Baker • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Larry Campbell • Phillip Makinen • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • James • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Kelly • Steve Wurdock •

## Sympathies to:

The Nielander Family on the death of Amy's mother, Maryann Cristof on June 15, 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,

It has been a really good week for our children, youth and families. By the end of the week over 50 of our children and youth from pre-school through high school will have participated in Christian service and community.

Pastor Bridget took our middle school and high school students north to Boyne City Mission, centered at the long-time favorite United Methodist Church Camp, Lake Louise. During the day these students have been engaged in different service projects, helping local seniors with minor home repairs and improvements. In the evenings, they return to the camp for devotions, campfires, games (the night I called my son Casey, he was organizing a game of Ghosts in the Graveyard!) and building friendships, all in the beauty of God's good creation called Northern Michigan.

Our Family Ministries Coordinator, Danielle Moody has spent two days leading our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in mission, service and community. They spent their first day right here at the church helping Mike Monte and Outreach on 7th prepare and serve at our lunch program. And thanks to Karla Goetz, they participated in our church-wide summer project of plarning (reusing plastic grocery bags to make sleeping mats for those sleeping outside.) On their second day they journeyed to Detroit to help our friends at the NOAH Project. Our students set up, served lunch to more than 130 of our neighbors and then cleaned up. One of the highlights of week for me was helping these students reflect on where they experienced God after they returned from their mission.

And finally, our Sunday School Coordinator, Christine Ryckman, hosted four nights of Vacation Bible School. The theme was "Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God". Through songs, crafts, science, experiments and games, our youngest kids experienced stories of faith with their church friends.

It was a great week. I want to personally thank the dozens of folks who gave their time, love and attention to the young people of our congregation. They experienced God's love in real ways, helped build real friendships, and had opportunities to make a real difference.

Well done, Royal Oak First!

This Sunday, we welcome Brian Wright to the pulpit. A former member of our staff team and the spouse of our Community Outreach Director, Michael Monte, Brian will continue our theme of the month of justice and inclusion. This is our congregation's commitment during Pride to remind people of the welcoming stance of our community for all God's children!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" with a simple smiley face drawn below the name.

Pastor Jeff Nelson