



**Sunday, August 13, 2023**  
**10:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	Prelude on “Foundation” arr. Nancy Hill Cobb	Kyle Webber
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Erica Plesco
<b>Song</b>	“Morning Has Broken”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
<b>Children’s Moment</b>		
<b>Mission Moment</b>		Karla Goetz
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		Kathi Burger
<b>Offering Our Gifts and Tithes</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Fix You” by Coldplay	Kiersten Ciccone & Erica Plesco
<b>Doxology</b>	“Give Thanks”	
<b>Scripture</b>	Psalm 113	
<b>Song</b>	“Eleanor Rigby” The Beatles	
<b>Message</b>	“Eleanor Rigby”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Song</b>	“Alive and Breathing”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Sending Music</b>	Fanfare on “Nicea” arr. Nancy Hill Cobb	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING ARTS, BEATS & EATS

From September 1-4, nearly 400,000 people will visit our community during Arts, Beats & Eats (AB&E), so we are looking for volunteers. **You will greet Arts, Beats & Eats volunteers, sponsors & artists at the Tower door; keep the church outdoor area picked up; offer assistance to AB&E Volunteer Command Center Staff as needed. Bonus: Each person that volunteers for a shift will receive free admission to the festival!** Scan the QR code to sign up.



## ARTS, BEATS & EATS WORSHIP SERVICE

We will have **only one worship service during Arts, Beats & Eats on Sunday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m. on the outdoor stage located at 6th and Lafayette.** If you don't plan on staying for the festival, park in the parking structure across and down the street from the church until 11:00 am. If you are planning to attend the festival after worship, all worshippers that day get a ticket for free admission to the festival, free parking at Royal Oak High School (1500 Lexington Blvd.), along with a free shuttle from the high school to drop you off and pick you up right next to the stage.



## RBI PRODUCE PROGRAM

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 September 8.** Thank you to all who have helped with continued success of this project! Scan QR code to sign up.



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## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Your children are invited to bring their backpacks to church on Sunday, August 27 to receive a special blessing as we head into the new school year. Blessing of the Backpacks will take place during the 10:00 a.m. service.



## SANDWICH ASSEMBLY (FROM HOME)

To support our friends at The NOAH Project as they assist the homeless in Detroit, we have signed up to donate 300 sandwiches in August. Please sign up to assemble 30 meat & cheese sandwiches or donating bags of chips, and bring them with you to church on Sunday, August 20. We can also use help making the delivery if you have Monday afternoon availability. Scan the QR code to sign up.



## SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR FERNDAL LOWER ELEMENTARY

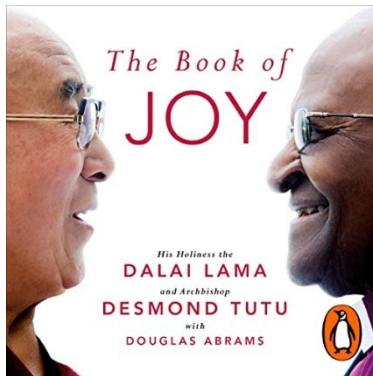
We are continuing our partnership with Ferndale Lower Elementary and will be collecting the following items which they requested: glue sticks, Expo markers, plastic pencil boxes, Crayola (24 count) crayons, and kid scissors. Other items are welcome, but those listed are of greatest need. Please drop off school supplies in the big round bins at the Tower entrance or by the Welcome Desk.

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## “RECONNECT WITH YOURSELF” SOUL RETREAT

This full-day women’s retreat on **Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**, led by **Dr. Christie Mikell and Haley Hall**, is a safe and holding space for your feelings, experiences, truths, darkneses, and light. On this full day retreat, there is space to re-center and reset, explore harmful messages and patterns that keep you stuck, and connect deeply and joyfully with other women. It is an honor to hold this space for you and we look forward to accompanying you on your journey of self-healing. We are inclusive of all cis women, AFAB and non-binary folk. The cost is \$35 which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Scan QR code to sign up.



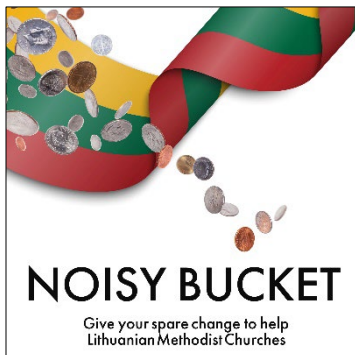
## “THE BOOK OF JOY” BOOK DISCUSSION

Come join us for three weeks to discuss "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. Archbishop Desmond Tutu has never claimed to be a Saint and the Dalai Lama considers himself to be a simple Buddhist Monk. They look back on their long lives and answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering? They offer us their reflection on their real lives filled with pain and turmoil and how they have found peace, courage and joy in the midst of it. Together, they explore the true nature of joy, the obstacles to joy, and the eight pillars of joy which provide the foundation for lasting happiness. Join us for engaging fellowship and thoughtful discussion. **We will meet at the church for three Sundays, September 10, 17 and 24 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon.** Scan QR code to sign up.





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## SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in **on Sunday, August 27 at the 10:00 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!



## FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY

Please mark **Sunday, September 10** on your calendar and plan to join us for the kickoff of the **2023-24 worship year**. We will have one outdoor service (under the tent) at **10:00 a.m. that morning** followed by a **block party on 7<sup>th</sup> street**. There will be food trucks, music, a bounce house and games for the kids! We ask you to bring a pair of socks for our traditional "Sock-it-to-Me-September" sock drive. Nursery care and supervised play space for kids available. We hope you can join us in person for service and/or the block party!



## MOMS AT PUBS (MAP)

MAP is a group that meets for fun and fellowship at a local pub, giving moms a chance to relax, laugh, and enjoy the fellowship of other moms. **This month we will meet on Thursday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brown Iron Brewhouse, 30955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak.** Please join us! If you have any questions or want to be added to our email list for upcoming events, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org) or phone/text 248.703.8805.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

Karen Porter • Jenny Lowman • Audrey Fick • Dona Wells • Nancy Reid •  
Mike Long • Inge Wichers • Carrie Morse • Diana Shornak •  
Sandra Haywood • Kathi Burger • Betty Latimer • Gloria Knappenberger •  
Joan Johnson • Al Simmons • Lee Hoffmann • Kathy Seidler •  
Bill and Faye Bond • Jordan Altman • Allison and Bill Hempstead •  
Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Art Miller • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton •  
Donna Allen • Ann Anderson • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •

## **Prayers for Our Extended Family:**

Pat Parusch • Robert Baker • Glen Baker • Faye Rogers • Julia Rogers •  
Effie Lambros • Chrystl Roman • Ken Burger • Kyron Bradstrom •  
James Lovitt • Rachel B. • Lisa Green • JJ • Liz Fitch • Jim Slimek •  
Diana Laginess • Connie and Ken Warner • Jonathon Larson • Tom Hill •  
Judy Gorney • Bob Blonde • Patty Glass • Sharon Pillow • Rachel Timm •  
Linda Swanson • Harold Baker • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse •  
Larry Campbell • 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](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).*

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

*"It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen."*

-John Wooden

*"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."*

-Ferris Bueller

*"Notice how the lilies grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these."*

Luke 12:27 (CEB)

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you from the front porch rocking chair of our Airbnb. We have spent the last four days in Southeast Ohio. This has been precious time.

Slowing down this week has given me a chance to appreciate the blessings in my life. I am blessed to have a partner I simply adore, whose love for me is steadfast and life-giving. I am blessed to be the father of sons, so different, but both so likable and interesting. I am blessed for the ways music, art, film and games have knit our little family together, giving us rituals and memories to share.

This week I was able to take in the beauty of creation. From stunning waterfalls and scenic visits, to watching butterflies and hummingbirds. I truly felt connected to everything and everyone around me. And that is God - the connection that holds it all together - that holds me all together. And I can say without a shadow of a doubt, it's all good.

Take a moment right now and just hit pause and notice all the blessings around you.

This Sunday we will continue our Beatle's series with the song "Eleanor Rigby". A song that is about noticing.

Hope to see each of you soon!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson