



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 3, 2023
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“House of the Lord”	House Band
Call to Worship		Erica Plesco
Song	“Waking Up” (<i>see lyrics</i>)	
Song	“Morning Has Broken” (<i>see lyrics</i>)	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Song	“Stand By Me”	
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Weird Fishes” Radiohead	Mark Sleeman
Doxology	“Give Thanks” (<i>see lyrics</i>)	
Scripture	Romans 12:9-21	
Message	“Love Well”	Jeff Nelson
Song	“Your Love Awakens Me” (<i>see lyrics</i>)	
Benediction		
Sending Music	“Your Love Awakens Me”	

LYRICS FOR “WAKING UP”

Verse 1

I was done
I was lost
I was asleep at the wheel I was drifting off
My heart was failing
My heart was failing

Verse 2

In the dark
Heard a song
It was the sweetest sound that I've ever heard
And my soul went sailing
Yeah my soul went sailing

Chorus 1

I'm waking up
I'm waking up
I can feel my heart beating and breath in my lungs
Like a shock wave burning inside of my chest
I shoulda been gone
I coulda been dead

I'm waking up
I'm waking up
I can feel my heart beating and breath in my lungs
I'm on fire finally free
I am alive in the land of the living

Verse 3

Here I am
Moving on
We're gonna take back all that the devil stole
I found my healing
I found my healing

Verse 4

I am me
I am loved
We're gonna march to the beat of a different drum
We're gonna run with the horses
I'm gonna cross over Jordan

Bridge

Can you hear the music
Can you hear the sound
Love in all its beauty
Is singing all around
(REPEAT)
I know that you're singing all around

Chorus 2

I'm waking up
I'm waking up
I can feel my heart beating and breath in my lungs
I'm on fire finally free
I am alive I am alive

Ending

I'm waking up
I'm waking up
I can feel my lungs breathing
I can hear you singing
I am alive in the land of the living

**JOIN US
IN SONG!**

LYRICS FOR “MORNING HAS BROKEN”

Verse 1

Morning has broken
Like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

Verse 2

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass

Verse 3

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light
Eden saw play
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's recreation
Of the new day



**JOIN
US IN
SONG!**

LYRICS FOR “GIVE THANKS”

Oh give thanks to the Lord (3x)
Oh give thanks always!

Oh give thanks to the Lord (3x)
Oh give thanks always!

For He is good, the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever!

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His steadfast love endures forever!

Oh give thanks to the Lord (3x)
Oh give thanks always!

Oh give thanks to the Lord (3x)
Oh give thanks always!



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LYRICS FOR “YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME”

Verse 1

There were walls between us
By the cross You came and broke them down
You broke them down
And there were chains around us
By Your grace we are no longer bound
No longer bound

Pre-Chorus

You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart came alive

Chorus

Your love is greater
Your love is stronger
Your love awakens awakens awakens me
(REPEAT)

Verse 2

Feel the darkness shaking
All the dead are coming back to life
I'm back to life
Hear the song awaken
All creation singing we're alive
'Cause You're alive

Bridge

And what a love we've found
Death can't hold us down
We shout it out
We're alive 'cause You're alive

Ending

Your love awakens me
Your love is greater
Your love is stronger
Your love awakens awakens awakens me



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 7th 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!



SEPTEMBER SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Please join us for our next Social Action Committee meeting on **Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor**. Please feel free to attend even if you have not come to meetings in the past! Please reach out to **Christie Mikell** at **734.347.4006** or **socialaction@rofum.org** with any questions.

“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, darknesses, 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. We welcome all female-identifying and non-binary folk. The cost is \$35 which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Scan QR code to sign up.



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TWO WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 9AM AND 11AM



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Join us as we return to our normal worship times of **9:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** beginning **Sunday, September 17**. Our 9:00 a.m. service is a more contemporary service and our 11:00 a.m. service is a more traditional service.

“ALL GOD’S PEOPLE” SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION SERIES & RETREAT!

For over two years, the Racial Reconciliation Team has been faithfully meeting and learning about racism and racial reconciliation in a Christian context. The team has created a **five-week version of this learning experience in small group settings starting in early October**. Five topics will be covered: a biblical view of justice, the historical origins of racial designations, systemic racism in America, the traumatic impact of discrimination on people of color, and the history of racial discrimination within the United Methodist denomination. There is no homework and no book to read! Instead, a video for each week’s topic will be shown during each session followed by the Racial Reconciliation team facilitating a discussion of that topic. Also, Pastor Jeff will be doing a four-part fall sermon series starting on September 10 on "All God's People". **On Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. all the small groups will meet together for a half day retreat.** It will be an opportunity to share our perspectives and insights on racial justice, build a sense of community, and create a common purpose around what the ministry of racial reconciliation can look like at Royal Oak First. **Scan QR code to sign up.**



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Small Group Discussion Series & Retreat

"All God's People"

October 1 - November 11

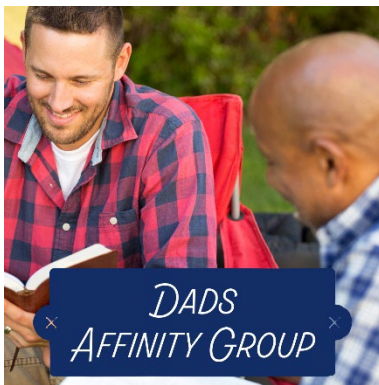


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SOCK-IT-TO-ME SEPTEMBER (UNDERWEAR TOO!)

New socks and underwear are some of the most important items for homeless folks in the winter. Our friends at The NOAH Project (at Central UMC) give out over 10,000 pairs of socks annually as part of their work supporting the homeless of Detroit. **It is our goal to contribute 1,000 pairs of socks or underwear to NOAH this year, in addition to restocking the supply at Outreach on 7th. Please bring a package or two of NEW MEN'S CREW SOCKS or NEW MEN'S UNDERWEAR to church between September 5th and October 1st, and help us reach our goal. Sock-It-To-Me!**



DADS AFFINITY GROUP

As a man, it is easy to feel like you're on a solo faith journey, anchored to your family and providing a foundation in your home, but when you go out into the world, you're wandering alone in the desert like Jesus. At Royal Oak First, we are trying to change that for the men in our congregation that find themselves, like me, Michael Spath, a relatively new husband and father. Pastor Jeff and I have had many conversations about creating a ministry of men between the ages of 30-50 that must serve as the pillars of strength for our communities. You are not alone. There are dozens of us residing within the Royal Oak First family and we only need to connect. We are starting small and are eager to build a core of 5-7 men that can form a greater men's ministry. **If you are a husband, a father, a man of this church that is seeking connection and believes you have more to give, reach out to me at michaelspath1980@gmail.com and we will find an hour to get together to discuss what the future of men's ministry at Royal Oak First can become through each other.**

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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

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

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Cheryl Castellani • Rich Zielinski • Laura Cable • Jennifer Gaudette-Wood •
Michael Hempstead • Connie Armstrong • Rog Garwood • Robert Baker •
Glen Baker • Faye Rogers • Julia Rogers • Effie Lambros • Chrystl Roman •
Ken Burger • Kyron Bradstrom • James Lovitt • Lisa Green • JJ • Liz Fitch •
Jim Slimek • Diana Laginess • Harold Baker • Connie and Ken Warner •
Jonathon Larson • Tom Hill • Bob Blonde • Patty Glass • Sharon Pillow • Scott
Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Larry Campbell • Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy
Carmichael • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • James • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette •
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*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,

I am not sure how it got to be September - but here it is!

September brings a return of routines to our house. Our sons returning to school gives some structure to our lives, which is helpful.

September also marks the return of familiar routines to our church life.

We will resume two worship services (9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) on September 17th.

All children, youth and family programming will resume its regular schedule, as will groups and studies for adults. Please check the church website (www.rofum.org) for details.

Sock-it-to-Me (and underwear too!) September returns with our annual drive to collect pairs of socks and underwear to support the NOAH Project and Outreach on 7th. Please begin to bring those with you to church starting September 5.

And as I write this, the annual Art, Beats & Eats (ABE) is getting set up. This event brings hundreds of thousands of people to downtown Royal Oak and our church is in the midst of all the action, providing space for hospitality for volunteers, artists and attendees alike.

Our tradition during ABE is to have our Sunday worship on the stage at 6th and Lafayette. Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. You can park in the parking structure on Washington. After worship, you will be given a ticket so you can take in the rest of the festival.

Thank you for all the ways you stay connected to the movement here at Royal Oak First.

I look forward to seeing you this fall.

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