

"All God's People"

Sunday, October 1, 2023

11:00AM Worship



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Variations on “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Albert Travis	Kyle Webber
Call to Worship		Jeff Jones
Opening Hymn #2221	“In Unity We Lift Our Song”	
Apostle’s Creed		
Gloria Patri #70	“Glory Be to the Father”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
Moment of Spiritual Direction		Nicole Wilson
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Umoja Tunaimba (United We Sing)” arr. Victor Johnson	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture	Ephesians 2:14-19	
Message	“A Place at the Table”	Jeff Nelson
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Song	“A Place at the Table” arr. Joanna Whaley	Joanna Whaley
Closing Hymn	“A Place at the Table”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” arr. David Schelat	

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Join us after service
Sunday, October 8

10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.



JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY FOR HOT DOGS AND CINNAMON ROLLS

Next Sunday, we invite everyone to stay after service for fellowship and some delicious food. **After the 9am service, will be serving warm cinnamon rolls and then after 11am service, will be serving tasty hot dogs!**

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SPOOKTACULAR



SPOOKTACULAR CANDY DONATIONS & HALLOWEEN DRESS UP FOR THE "BIG KIDS"!

Royal Oak Spooktacular is happening Sunday, October 22 from 1-4 pm and we will be hosting a trick or treating stop on our corner! **We need donations of Halloween candy to pass out to all the kids!** Candy donations can be brought to church anytime. Also, the kids will be dressing up in Halloween costumes on this day and **we want to invite everyone (including the "big kids"!) to dress up as well!**

MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION



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To support the Outreach on 7th lunch guests as the weather turns chilly, we will be collecting much needed winter items throughout the month of October. Much appreciated items include: **Men's gloves, hats, and long/thermal underwear in larger sizes (L, XL, 2XL).** Used men's winter clothing is also appreciated. Thank you for supporting this important mission! Also, please consider bringing in some food items to restock our food pantry. Easy to prepare, non-perishable food items are always in high demand.

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OCTOBER SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Please join us for our next Social Action Committee meeting on **Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the purple conference room.** 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.



"GOOD GIFTS" CONCERT JOANNA WHALEY

Join us on **Saturday, October 7 here at Royal First at 7:00 p.m. for a concert that makes space for ALL people to connect with God.** ALL MEANS ALL. This is an album release show and will feature songs about faith and the struggle to hold onto faith when faith systems today do not want queer people to have Jesus. This is a LGBTQIA+ friendly event, as well as the venue. **Tickets are free of charge (and are available for pickup at the Connections Table now),** but please consider a donation on the night of the concert.



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 4 shopping volunteers on October 13.** Thank you to all who have helped with continued success of this project! Scan QR code to sign up.



YOU MUST SIGN UP BY NOON ON OCTOBER 4
NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY FOR ROYAL OAK FIRST!

Photography dates: October 5-7 & October 10-11, 2023

Times: Thursday (10/5), 2:00-8:30 p.m.; Friday (10/6), 2:00-7:00 p.m., Saturday (10/7), 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Tuesday (10/10) & Wednesday (10/11), 2:00-8:30 p.m.

Whether you have been here your whole life, or you still feel new here, or somewhere in the middle, or you may sometimes wonder who all these people are. Universal Church Directories has been contracted to help us make a picture directory so we can see and learn each other's faces and names.

There is no charge to you or the church for the pictures or directories. Each household that is photographed will receive a directory and an 8" x 10" picture for themselves, without charge. There is an opportunity to purchase photos at your appointment, but you are not obligated to purchase anything. We will have a price sheet ahead of time so you can consider getting professional photos to maybe use for holiday cards, a family portrait or as a gift for family and friends.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer at 248.541.4100 or jtripoli@rofum.org.

Schedule your appointment online (instructions below) or you can schedule it at the Connections Table. **Online scheduling Instructions:**

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" box on the right side of the page
- Enter your church code: mi1810
- Enter your church password: photos
- Click the enter button
- Click the desired date
- Click the reserve time button beside the desired appointment time
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by red asterisk)
- Click Schedule Appointment button at the bottom

If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 p.m. and 6:10 p.m.)

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FRIENDS OF LITHUANIA GATHERING

As you know, we have a global partnership with the churches in Lithuania (this is where our Noisy Bucket offering goes). The last time we were together was in 2018 and what a great time we had sharing and getting to know one another along with strengthening our relationships to this ministry.

With that being said, you are invited to a Friends of Lithuania Gathering at Royal Oak First. This gathering will focus on connecting and recommitting ourselves to this ministry along with naming our own faith stories as a way to have deeper conversations with our partner churches here in the U.S. and Lithuania.

Dates:

Friday, October 13, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 15, Rev. Remigijus Matulaitis will preach at the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services

We will have other churches from all around the U.S. along with Rev. Remigijus Matulaitis from Lithuania in attendance for this weekend. Please prayerfully consider attending this important gathering as we continue our mission with our partner churches in Lithuania. **You can find the registration form on the Connections Table. The cost is \$125 per person that covers all meals (lunch & dinner on Friday and Saturday), along with refreshments, conference materials and programs. Please register by October 1.**

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A RETURN TRIP TO THE RBI FREE STORE!

After a rewarding week in August supporting the Redford Brightmoor Initiative Free Store in various ways, our volunteers requested a return trip. **We have lined up another volunteer day on the morning of Saturday, October 14th.** We hope you will consider joining as we help to assist the Free Store shoppers, serve breakfast, and play games with children while they wait. Teen and adult volunteers are appreciated. Scan QR code to sign up.



BIG BOY NIGHT!

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, October 24, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. for Big Boy Night!** This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild. All proceeds from Big Boy Night will support our summer choir camp. The restaurant is giving us 15% of all sales between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. We will be at the Big Boy at 30460 John R, between 12 and 13 Mile, in Madison Heights. There will be lots of wonderful items donated by our members as door prizes. Come on out and meet your church family and friends for a tasty dinner, get a door prize or two and support our youth ministry.

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BOBBY JO VALENTINE CONCERT

Join us on **Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.** for a **Bobby Jo Valentine concert full of heart-opening, award-winning folk/pop music.** Bobby Jo Valentine's music exists outside the lines of any genre, but the music's thoughtful, spirit focused lyrics and catchy melodies reach listeners across all walks of life. The poetic nature and spiritual focus of his stories and original songs has resulted in notable awards and a growing, loyal following around the country. Tickets (\$10) will be available for purchase at the door. All proceeds will go towards sponsoring a child to go to Camp Beloved.



ONE SUNDAY IS ALL IT TAKES

Did you know that you can sign up to help just one Sunday for certain areas within the church? **We are always in need of people to be: USHERS—GREETERS—COFFEE HOUR HELPERS—SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS.** Pick any Sunday and reach out to Karen Calhoun at kcalhoun@rofum.org or 248.541.4100.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Inge Wichers • Estelle Knoy • Faye Bond • Nick Maylen • Kim Stroud •
Pam Belecki • Heather Diamond • Jimmy Ansel • The Perry Family •
Yale Porter • Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman • Alexa Brinning • Mike Long •
Ann Anderson • Karen Porter • Diana Shornak • Betty Latimer • Carrie Morse •
Nancy Reid • Dona Wells • 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:

Neal Gaberdiel • Scott Spaulding • Nancy Graves • Dave Beerer, Sr. •
Margaret and Robert Maas • Rich Zielinski • Laura Cable • Glen Baker •
Jennifer Gaudette-Wood • Connie Armstrong • Rog Garwood • Robert 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 • Larry Campbell •
Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael •
Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • James • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette •
Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Kelly • Steve Wurdock •

Sympathies to:

Cindy Vandermark on the death of her brother, John Vandermark on September 20, 2023

Congratulations to:

Renee and Megan Lee on their marriage on September 23, 2023

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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!

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is my hope that in doing so we will be reminded of what a powerful symbol it can be in our collective efforts to create a more just, inclusive, and welcoming world.

World Communion Sunday holds a rich history that dates back to the early 20th century when the idea of celebrating Christian unity and the global nature of the church emerged. It was during a time marked by division and conflict that the vision of a day dedicated to celebrating our shared humanity and interconnectedness was born. Since then, World Communion Sunday has become an annual reminder that we are part of a larger tapestry of faith and that the love of Christ knows no boundaries.

In our current world, where racial tensions and divisions persist, World Communion Sunday takes on even greater significance. As we lean into the work of racial reconciliation, embracing the diversity within our congregation and beyond, this day serves as a beacon of hope. It reminds us that we are called to break down the walls that separate us and to build bridges of understanding and love.

Allow me to share a quote from Jim Wallis that beautifully captures the essence of World Communion Sunday: "Two of the greatest hungers in our world today are the hunger for spirituality and the hunger for social change. The connection between the two is the one the world is waiting for..."

These words remind us that our spiritual journey and our commitment to social justice are deeply intertwined. By nurturing our spiritual hunger, we find the strength and inspiration to engage in the transformative work of creating a more just and inclusive society.

As we gather around the Communion table on this special day, let us remember that every person, regardless of their race, nationality, or background, is a beloved child of God. Let us open our hearts to the vast diversity of humanity and embrace the beauty that lies in our differences. Through the act of sharing in the Communion meal, we symbolically declare our unity as one body in Christ.

May this World Communion Sunday serve as a catalyst for change within our hearts and our community. Let us be encouraged to continue the work of social justice and racial reconciliation, knowing that our spiritual hunger will empower our pursuit of social justice. Together, we can create a world that reflects the love and inclusivity of Jesus.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. 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