

"All God's People"

Sunday, September 10, 2023

10:00AM Worship



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. Lloyd Larson	Kyle Webber
Call to Worship	(see next page)	Bob Prud’homme
Song	“Blessed Assurance” (see lyrics)	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Teacher Recognition		
Mission Moment		Karla Goetz
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“It Is Well with My Soul” arr. Craig Courtney	Danielle Patterson
Doxology	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” (see lyrics)	
Scripture	Genesis 1:26-28	
Poem		Dimonique Boyd
Message	“All God’s People”	Jeff Nelson
Song	“Imagine the People of God” (see lyrics)	
Benediction		
Sending Music	“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” arr. Joel Raney	

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, Welcome home!

All: We gather today to celebrate as a community!

Leader: In love and joy, God calls us together...

All: We meet as friends, neighbors, and family in grace!

Leader: In our gathering, let us raise a joyful offering...

All: We lift our songs, hearts, prayers, and faith!

Leader: As we enter this new season, let us open our hearts to the spirit of renewal!

All: Amen.

LYRICS FOR “BLESSED ASSURANCE”

VERSE 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of the Spirit, washed in His love

CHORUS

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long

VERSE 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

VERSE 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love



JOIN
US IN
SONG!

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father
Who Art in Heaven
Hallowed Be Thy Name
Thy Kingdom Come
Thy Will Be Done
On Earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day
Our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But, deliver us from evil

For Thine is the Kingdom
The Power
and The Glory, forever.

Amen

LYRICS FOR “PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen!

**JOIN
US IN
SONG!**

LYRICS FOR “IMAGINE THE PEOPLE OF GOD”

Imagine, imagine the people of God
Imagine the people of God
Believing receiving becoming God's love
Imagine the people of God

Imagine, imagine the people of God
Imagine the people of God
Caring sharing God's love in the world
Imagine the people of God

Seeking the way of Jesus Christ
Trusting the courage to change
Being God's love with our neighbors and friends
Imagine the people of God

**JOIN
US IN
SONG!**

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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.



TWO WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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.

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HARVEST TIME AT MICAH 6

Come join us on **Saturday, September 23, from 9:00 a.m.-noon**, as we lend our hands in service at the **Micah 6 gardens in Pontiac**. Our friends at Micah 6 work daily to build community and improve the lives of those in their neighborhood. At the heart of their mission are their extensive vegetable gardens where they grow fresh produce to share with their neighbors with limited access to fresh food. We will help with a variety of tasks including: harvesting vegetables, spreading mulch, weeding, planting, and cleanup. Scan QR code to RSVP.

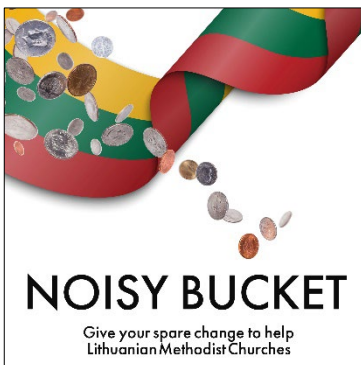


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PASTOR CHAT-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. The next **Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, September 24 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on **Sunday, September 24 at either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 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!

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“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 for a small group and the retreat.

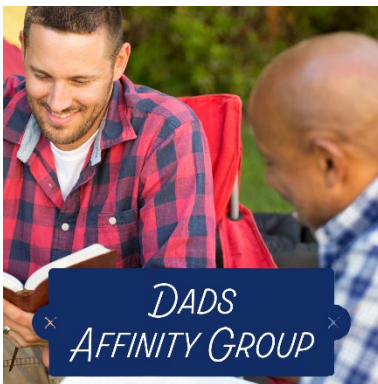


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SOCK-IT-TO-ME SEPTEMBER (UNDERWEAR TOO!)

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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FRIENDS OF LITHUANIA GATHERING

As many of 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. It is time to make plans to reconnect and recommit to our ministry together. With that being said, you are invited to a Friends of Lithuania Gathering at Royal Oak First in October 2023.

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 United States 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.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Jennifer at 248.541.4100 or jtripoli@rofum.org.

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THE ADULT (SANCTUS) CHOIR NEEDS YOU! DO YOU QUALIFY?



Positions Open: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass. No others need apply.

Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry musical notes part way across the church. Must have significant vision to see the director 20 feet away (or not).

Experience: No application accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the shower or car.

Wages: Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

Fringe Benefits: Social Security - we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.

Hours: Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime (at rate mentioned above).

Vacation: We'll take you when we can get you! Time off is expected. The director promises only one glare upon your return.

Retirement: No particular age, but it is generally determined by prayer, printed notes getting too small, notes too high, church too hot (or cold), or organist unable to play all the notes you sing.

Rehearsals: Begin Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Apply: By attending the next rehearsal.

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.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the 2024 Pictorial Directory here at Royal Oak First. 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.)

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Jimmy Ansel • The Perry Family • Yale Porter • Estelle Knoy • Inge Wichers • Bill and Faye Bond • Alexa Brinning • Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman • Mike Long • Ann Anderson • Karen Porter • Jenny Lowman • Diana Shornak • 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:

Robert and Margaret Maas • 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 • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Kelly • Steve Wurdock •

Sympathies to:

The Showers, Erard, Hammond, Kincannon, Moody and Watkins families on the death of Penny Showers on September 4, 2023

Congratulations to:

Karina and Lance Perry on the birth of their son, Lincoln Perry on August 30, 2023
Andrea and Jaime Baker on the birth of their son, Everett Thomas Baker on August 29, 2023

Colleen and Brandon Knott on the birth of their son, Reilly Robert Knott on July 28, 2023

A Note from Our Church Family:

Dear Pastor Jeff, Church Staff and Congregation,

The family of Suzanne Yago Ortiz would like to thank you for all the love, prayers and support we have received during this difficult time of her passing.

Love in Christ's name, The Yago, Barber and Inch Families

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Welcome home!

As we begin a new season of worship, programming and mission, I want to highlight some important happenings this fall:

1. **Sock-It-To-Me September (Underwear too!)**--This is our annual sock and underwear drive to support both the NOAH Project in central Detroit and our own nonprofit Outreach on 7th. We want to collect 2023 socks (ok, 2024 so that it is an even number) and underwear this month. New socks and underwear are some of the most important items for homeless folks in the winter. Please bring a package or two of NEW MEN'S CREW SOCKS or NEW MEN'S UNDERWEAR to church. Let's make this happen!
2. **Artist in Residency**--This fall, we are excited to bring an artist on the team for a sixth month residency. Dominique Boyd is an accomplished and published poet based in the city of Detroit. She has been active in the Detroit Poetry and Spoken Word community for over 20 years. She will be featured regularly in worship, as well as offering both performance and workshop experiences for our congregation and the wider community. I know you will be moved by the art. Make sure you go out of your way to welcome her.
3. **"All God's People" Small Group Discussion & Retreat**--Beginning in October, we will be offering five-week discussion groups on our Christian work to be working towards racial reconciliation and justice, followed by a half day retreat on Saturday, November 11. I am strongly encouraging you to participate in this important season in our life and history together. There is more information in the Bulletin and on the website. You can sign up to today by scanning this QR code.



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I cannot thank you enough for all the generous support and faith participation you give to our church and movement. We are blessed to be in this together.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Pastor Jeff Nelson'. Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face.

Pastor Jeff Nelson