



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023, 11:00 A.M.

CHOOSE TODAY:  
DOING GOD'S MINISTRY TOGETHER

*"Doing God's Ministry Together"*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	“Italian Concerto (Allegro)” J.S. Bach	Rachel Morin
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Sue Buxton
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	“Christ’s Partner’s All Are We”	
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>		
<b>Gloria Patri #70*</b>	“Glory Be to the Father”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Spiritual Direction Moment</b>		Nicole Wilson
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Hymn #2168**</b>	“Love the Lord Your God”	Sanctus Choir
<b>Spotlight on Ministry-Missions</b>		
<b>Offering Our Gifts and Tithes</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“With a Voice of Singing” arr. Martin Shaw	Sanctus Choir
<b>Doxology #95*</b>	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>Scripture</b>	Mark 4:35-41	
<b>Message</b>	“Life in the Storm Unknown”	Remigijus Matulaitis
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“Fanfare” Jacques Lemmens	

*\*United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\*The Faith We Sing*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

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.



## HALLOWEEN DRESS UP FOR THE “BIG KIDS”!

While the children and youth will be dressing up in Halloween costumes on Sunday, October 22 for “Spooktacular”, **we also invite the BIG KIDS to dress up for Halloween for both services.** So treat yourself this Halloween and go BIG by wearing a costume at either service on Sunday, October 22!



## MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION

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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## **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.



## **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.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Mary Lou Graeber • Diane Sexton • Randy Riggs • Mark Thatcher •  
Mary and Sam Nahhat • Inge Wichers • Faye Bond • Pam Belecki •  
Nick Maylen • Kim Stroud • Heather Diamond • Jimmy Ansel •  
The Perry Family • Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman • Karen and Yale Porter •  
Alexa Brinning • Mike Long • Ann Anderson • 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 • Diane Sexton • Donna Allen •  
Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

John C. Hughes • Adam Hempstead • Neal Gaberdiel • Scott Spaulding •  
Nancy Graves • Dave Beerler, Sr. • Margaret and Robert Maas • Rich Zielinski •  
Laura Cable • Jennifer Gaudette-Wood • 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 •  
Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • James • Carl Jones •  
Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Kelly • Steve Wurdock •

## Sympathies to:

John and Laura Hice on the death of John's mother, Inez Hice on October 2, 2023

## Congratulations to:

Jake and Lauren Yates on the birth of their son, Louis James Yates on October 7, 2023

Chloe and Trevor Beerler 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](http://rofum.org/giving) to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

You can always check out our website, [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) for **Volunteer Opportunities** or subscribe to our weekly email, by going to this link: <http://eepurl.com/c9m7L9>.

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Thank you!

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Friends,

This weekend we hosted the Friends of Lithuania gathering. It has been quite some time since we last gathered, with the last reunion dating back to 2018. It was such a joy to welcome around 15 individuals to our building. Additionally, several others joined us on Zoom from different parts of the U.S. and Lithuania, reinforcing the international connections and friendships that have developed over the years.

We rekindled old friendships, made new connections, and learned from one another. We engaged in various sessions that were not only spiritually enriching but also deeply inspirational. These sessions encompassed a wide range of topics, all centered around our faith and how God has transformed our lives.

As I reflect on this past weekend, I am grateful not only for the opportunity to come together but also for the shared sense of purpose and mission that defines our Friends of Lithuania community. Our gathering was a testament to the power of faith, friendship, and our collective dedication to our partners in Lithuania.

It is truly an honor to have Rev. Remigijus Matulaitis here from Lithuania. Rev. Remigijus was appointed as the first Lithuania-born District Superintendent for the Methodist church in Lithuania. Please join me in welcoming Rev. Remigijus to the pulpit this morning.

Blessings,



Pastor Jennifer Tripoli