



**ROYAL OAK**  
**FIRST**  
A United Methodist Church

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**  
**9:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“How Firm a Foundation” arr. Cindy Berry	Kyle Webber
<b>Litany for Women</b>		Erica Plesco
<b>Song</b>	“Who You Say I Am”	
<b>Song</b>	“The Blessing”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
<b>Mission Moment</b>		Rev. Sue Pethoud
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“The One Who Knows” Dar Williams	Bridget Nelson
<b>Doxology</b>	“Give Thanks”	
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 8:1-4, Mark 10:29-31	
<b>Message</b>	“The Ones Who Know”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Song</b>	“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Departing Music</b>		House Band

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## UPDATE FROM UNITED METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

The international gathering of United Methodists took place in North Carolina after 4 years of pandemic related delay. Significant changes were passed impacting the local church on a variety of issues including LGBTQ+ inclusion. Royal Oak First member and United Methodist Deacon Christina Wright was there and will be sharing with us a breakdown of the changes. This is an exciting time for our denomination and we look forward to sharing updates with you. **Join us on Sunday, May 19 at 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome. The Zoom link will be supplied in next Monday's email.**

## LINENS OF LOVE



## LINENS OF LOVE COLLECTION

During May, our Missions collection focus will be on household linens. Several of our mission partners have expressed the need of these items recently, especially for: **twin size sheet sets, towels, washcloths, and bed pillows.** New and gently used items are welcome, but please keep sets together and label the sizes if not in original packaging. Collected items will be sent to Cass Community Social Services and Redford Brightmoor Initiative. **Please drop off at bins located at Tower entrance and near the Welcome Desk at the Lafayette entrance.**



## CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!

We are fortunate to have many young adults that call this church home. Some have been here their whole life and some are just finding us, and we hope to help you meet each other. **We are getting together for some food and fellowship the evening of Thursday, May 16.** If you are able to join us, email Pastor Bridget at [bnelson@rofum.org](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org) for the details!

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## WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

You are invited to wear **RED** for Pentecost on Sunday, May 19. What is Pentecost? It is the second most important part of the Christian year after Easter. It is commemorated by both the Ascension of Jesus and the Descending of the Holy Spirit. What do the symbols of Pentecost mean?

- Wind: Represents God's first breath of love
- Fire: Represents the Holy Spirit
- Red: The liturgical color of Pentecost
- Water: Represents new life
- Dove: The symbol of peace

Pentecost gives us a chance to ask ourselves, "What are we on fire about?" Here at Royal Oak First, we are on fire about Making Christ's Love Real!



## ONE SERVICE BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MAY 26

Beginning on Sunday, May 26, we will have only **ONE** service on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. This will run through our Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 8. We will return to our 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, September 15.



## PRIDE & ALLY GROUP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AT PRIDE EVENTS!

Our Pride & Ally Group will be looking for **volunteers** for our booth at some June and July Pride events. We will be at **Family Pride Night at the Royal Oak Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 12, Berkley Pride on Sunday, June 23 and Royal Oak Pride on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27.** Please scan the QR code to sign up! If you have any questions, please email [prideandally@rofum.org](mailto:prideandally@rofum.org).



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## ROFUM BLOCK PARTY!

Sunday, June 2 following the 10:00 a.m. service

Join us for complimentary food from food trucks, a live band & fellowship! Kids' activities include games, a bounce house and face painting. This event is sponsored by the ROFUM Endowment Fund. Let's celebrate summer!



## “START THE PARTY”

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17-20, 2024, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party! That's why we believe the Gospel of Jesus is the best news ever! **Come and join us as we “Start the Party” at Royal Oak First this summer! Register your child(ren) that are completing 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger.** There are opportunities to volunteer as well as donate supplies if you are interested. Any questions, please contact Beth Simms at [Beth.Simms@gmail.com](mailto:Beth.Simms@gmail.com). Scan the QR code to sign up.



SCAN ME



## ESSENTIALS PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The first Saturday of the month, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. the Essentials Pantry is open. **We need volunteers** to gather from our supply inventory and hand out these supplies to those in need. If you are able to volunteer, please scan the QR code to sign up.



SCAN ME



*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

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

The Gothards • Art Miller • Leonard Benyas • Sue Minch • Lee Hoffmann •  
Ginny Panone • Janice Marsh • Grace Perkins • Richard and Dorie Rush •  
Allison and Bill Hempstead • Mark Thatcher •

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

Neo James Widmayer • Pam Payne • The Armour Family •  
Victor & Christy Pantin • Oya Graeber • John and Joyce Barber •  
Scott Spaulding • Effie Lambros • Kathleen Scherr • Paula Cudney •  
Michael Retaskie • Sydney Wagner • MaryVonne Gray •

## **Sympathies to:**

The Riggs family on the death of Kathy's father, Ivan Rice on May 8, 2024

The Gibson family on the death of Richard's father, Gerald "Jerry" Gibson on  
May 3, 2024

## **Happy 18th Birthday to Arianna Tovarez from her family!**

*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

Dear Friends,

As I write this note, I have this profound craving for meatloaf. Kind of strange, right?

Why suddenly a midday craving for meatloaf?

Probably because I am thinking about Mother's Day and missing my mom. And my mom made the best meatloaf – oh, I am sure you think your mom made a good meatloaf, but I'd put Kathy Nelson's meatloaf up against anybody's.

That's the thing about love - it's about specificity.

We don't just love people in general, we love them in detail.

It is about band aids on scraped knees and reading *Where the Wild Things Are*. It is about peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and sitting at the edge of my bed when I was scared. It is playing double solitaire and listening to Elvis. And it is about meatloaf.

What details help you remember your loved ones?

Mother's Day is a day to remember all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and "other mother" figures who have touched our lives. Let us also remember those who may find Mother's Day difficult, whether due to loss, distance, or other circumstances, and offer them our support and understanding.

There are lots of ways to remember our moms and the countless other women who have shaped our lives. I pray you find some meaningful ways to remember them. I, for one, will be having meatloaf!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with a small cross above it.

Pastor Jeff Nelson