



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 8, 2024
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Gabriel’s Oboe” by Ennio Morricone	Michael Rosas
Hymn #57*	“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”	
Call to Worship		Jennifer Tripoli
Response #62*	“All Creatures of Our God and King”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment		Michelle Haight & Karla Goetz
Children’s Moment		
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Imagine” by John Lennon	Kiersten Ciccone & Megan Porath
Doxology #95*	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture Reading	Micah 6:6-8	
Message	“Rooted in Love, Guided by Justice”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Song #2172**	“We Are Called”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Toccata in E minor” by Johann Pachelbel	

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 9AM AND 11AM



TWO WORSHIP SERVICES RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 15

Join us as we return to our normal worship times of **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 15.** Our 9:00 a.m. service is a more contemporary service and our 11:00 a.m. service is a more traditional service.



MUSIC ENSEMBLES RESUME NEXT WEEK

Carillon Ringers rehearsal is at 6:30 p.m. in the Bell Room on 3rd floor on Wednesday, September 11. **House Band rehearsal** is 7:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, September 11. **Sanctus Choir rehearsal** is at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, September 12. If you are interesting in joining any of these amazing groups, just show up or reach out to Michael Rosas at mrosas@rofum.org or 248.541.4100.



USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED

Would you like to be in service while also being of service that very same day? We have got areas that are fun to volunteer for on Sunday mornings. **Greeters** make sure that everyone who comes to worship with us on Sundays is met with a friendly face to welcome them into our church home. **Ushers** are responsible for welcoming people as they enter the Sanctuary and for passing out Sunday Bulletins. They are also responsible for helping to collect the offering during worship. **Please stop by the Connections Table to sign up or email Paula Derkowski at prderkowski@yahoo.com.**

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COFFEE BAR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a fun, easy way to connect with other people at church while being of service? We have just the spot for you! Coffee bar volunteers prepare coffee, tea, water, and snacks all before service. Then after service, they keep the coffee coming and wipe tables and counters while interacting with our congregants. **If this sounds interesting to you, please stop by the Connections Table or scan the QR code.**



PRODUCE SHOPPING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

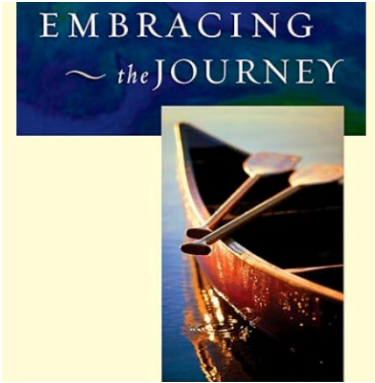
Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! **We are in need of shopping volunteers on September 13 and a delivery driver on September 14.** Scan the QR code to sign up.



SOCK-IT-TO-ME SEPTEMBER

New socks are some of the most important items for homeless folks in the winter. Our friends at NOAH at Central give out over 10,000 pairs of socks annually as part of their work supporting the unhoused of Detroit. It is our goal to contribute 1000 pairs of socks 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 to church during the month of September,** and help us reach our goal. Please drop off socks in the white bin near the Tower entrance or in the white bin by the Welcome Desk near the Lafayette entrance.

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EMBRACING THE JOURNEY – A SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE THIS FALL

Have you experienced a stirring in your soul to deepen your relationship with God and with others at church? Do you want more connection and a place to be known? Are you interested in sharing both the ups and downs of your faith journey and want to express your doubts or questions without judgement or pat answers? **Join a small group of fellow companions this fall for five sessions.** We will be using the book “Embracing the Journey” which you can purchase for \$13 at the church. Each meeting will focus on just one short chapter that includes helpful prompts and questions to encourage your self-reflection prior to our time together. **Scan the QR code to sign up.**



Men's Clothes Needed for Outreach on 7th Clothing Closet!



MEN'S CLOTHES NEEDED!

Currently, **we specifically need the following items for the Outreach on 7th Clothing Closet:**

- Men's Tennis/Athletic Shoes
- Men's Blue Jeans (sizes 34, 36, 38)
- Shaving Cream

Please drop items off at the Church office Mon-Thu between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Thank you for your support!

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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Nancy Matson • Woody Siddall • Jaime Luczak • Mary Nahhat •
Marian Kremer • Megan Mckenzie-Grimm • Rob Filipp • The Gothards •
Sue Minch •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Micki Rhen • Missy Winter • Marie Russian • Betty and Jim Goodrich •
Jessica Boyer • Barbara Witherspoon • Carol Marshall • Ann Avesian •
The O'Mara Family • Deana Sawicki • Matthew Fletcher •
Victor and Christy Pantin • John Barber, Jr. • John and Joyce Barber •
Margaret Maas •

Sympathies to:

The family and friends of former member Dorothy Dawkins Smith on her death,
August 27, 2024

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.*

TIME OF PRAYER

Every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Join Pastor Bridget Nelson and Congregational Care Coordinator Danielle Moody, as we spend about 45 minutes together praying for everyone on the prayer list as well as any other concerns we have that day. We spend some time in silence catching our breath and connecting with God. All are welcome!



LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This weekend marks the official start of our new program year, and fall is the perfect time to connect, grow, and serve at Royal Oak First!

****Join a Small Group****

Dive into a small group this fall! Together, we'll explore themes of faith through the book "Embracing the Journey". For more details, check our bulletin, website, or visit the Connections Table. If you have any questions, reach out to our Adult Discipleship Coordinator, Joyce Hollingsworth, at jhollingsworth@rofum.org.

****Making Worship and Music Together****

We're excited to welcome Michael Rosas as our new Worship and Music Director! This is a wonderful opportunity to join the choir, participate in the praise team, play handbells, or bring out that old French Horn (or any instrument you love). You can also contribute by helping with the sound board, running worship slides, assisting with live streaming, serving as a lay reader, or helping with communion. Contact Michael at mrosas@rofum.org to get involved!

****Serving on Sundays****

We're always in need of friendly faces to usher, greet, serve coffee, or assist at the Connections Table. If you'd like to help, please let our Communications Director, Lee Trumbull, know at ltrumbull@rofum.org.

****Children and Youth****

We welcome caring adults to support Pastor Bridget (bnelson@rofum.org) and her team in creating a nurturing faith community for our children and youth. Whether it's working in the nursery, serving dinner during Holy COW, or chaperoning mission trips, there's a place for you to help make Christ's love real. We particularly need men to assist in Sunday School.

****Be the Hands and Feet of Jesus****

Our Missions Coordinator, Karla Goetz (missions@rofum.org), is here to help you find meaningful ways to serve in our various mission and outreach projects.

There is a place for everyone to connect, grow, and serve. Together, we can make a difference in our community and the world. Welcome home!

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, there is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with a small cross above it.

Pastor Jeff Nelson