



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Sing Hosanna! Sannanina!” arr. Nancy Grundahl	Sanctus Choir
Scripture*	Luke 19:29-40	Jennifer Tripoli
Call to Worship		Griffin Anspach
Song & Palm Parade	“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Mission Moment		Susanna Klimek
Special Music	“Because God Made Me” “Encourage One Another”	PreK/K Choir Lower Elementary Choir
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Palm Sunday Hosanna!” arr. Joel Raney	Sanctus Choir with Analisa Thomas & Kimi Matsumoto, flute
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	House Band
Gospel Processional	“Glory to You, O Word of God”	
Scripture Reading*	Luke 18:1-8	
Sermon Song	“You Have Shown Us”	
Message	“The Widow and the Judge: A Justice Story”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Song	“Hosanna” By Hillsong	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

**New Revised Standard Version*

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A graphic for Sunday Brunch featuring the words "SUNDAY" and "BRUNCH" in yellow, bold, sans-serif font. "SUNDAY" is on a dark purple brushstroke, and "BRUNCH" is on a yellow brushstroke.

**SUNDAY
BRUNCH**

JOIN US TODAY FOR PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH!

Sunday, April 13, after 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services
The Abide Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a Sunday Brunch after both services on Palm Sunday in the Parlor.

CONFIRMATION YOUTH BAKE SALE IS TODAY!

We have had 13 middle school students gathering this year to learn about their faith and to grow in Christian love in preparation for their Confirmation. **On Sunday, April 13 after both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, some of them are sponsoring a bake sale** where all of the proceeds will go to fund their Kingdom Projects that will support various non-profits in the metro area.

A graphic for a Bake Sale with the words "BAKE SALE" in colorful, bubbly letters. "BAKE" is in shades of orange, red, and green, and "SALE" is in shades of pink, purple, and blue. The letters are surrounded by small white dots.

**BAKE
SALE**

MAUNDY-THURSDAY (in-person & online) THURSDAY, APRIL 17

We will have a simple Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m., and then join us for a worship experience at 7:00 p.m. where we will remember the Last Supper. There will be a homily by Pastor Jeff, communion, and music led by the Sanctus Choir.

A graphic for Maundy Thursday with a purple background. It features a white outline of a wine glass on the left and a white outline of a bread roll on the right. The text "Maundy Thursday" is in white, sans-serif font.

**Maundy
Thursday**

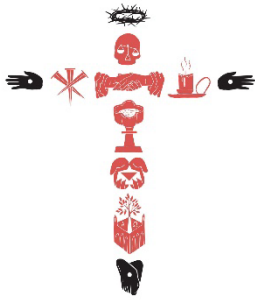
GOOD FRIDAY (in-person & online) FRIDAY, APRIL 18, NOON SERVICE

Join us for a traditional and impactful Good Friday worship service remembering Jesus' final day with music led by the Sanctus Choir. This is a service of deep reflection. Come to the foot of the cross and experience the Passion of Jesus.

A graphic for Good Friday with a purple background. It features a white outline of a crown of thorns in the center. Below the crown are three white crosses of varying sizes.

**Good
Friday**

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**7 Last Words
Poetry/Music Slam**

7 LAST WORDS POETRY/MUSIC SLAM

(in-person & online)

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 7:00 P.M.

You don't want to miss this live event where poets and musicians muse on Christ's last words from the cross. Unique, poignant, and compelling, "7 Last Words" offers insights into Christ's humanity and divinity in his final moments.



Easter Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY (in-person & online)

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Join us for a morning of worship and celebration featuring our House Band at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, and the Sanctus Choir accompanied by the BrassWorks brass quartet at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.



HANDS WITH DETROIT

The Hands with Detroit service day, put on by the Greater Detroit District UMC, is returning on Saturday, May 3. Royal Oak First member, Susanna Klimek organizes this event for the District! This is a fantastic opportunity to join in service with volunteers from other United Methodist Churches throughout our district to make an impact. Morning and afternoon shifts are available and you can select the tasks that you prefer: kitchen help, grounds cleanup, light maintenance projects, document destruction, Tiny Homes, painting, or hygiene kit assembly. This service day is designed for ages 10+. Please scan the QR code for additional information and to sign up.



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Cinco de Mayo Carry-Out Tacos



CINCO DE MAYO CARRY-OUT TACOS— Monday, May 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild and all funds from this event will benefit our Summer Choir Camp. Each meal is \$15 and includes 3 tacos in flour or corn shells, with chips and salsa. Options include: Seasoned Ground Beef, topped with lettuce and a Mexican cheese blend; Pulled Pork, topped with Asian slaw and cilantro; Shredded Chicken Salsa Verde, topped with pickled red onion and Queso Fresco; or vegetarian option of Seasoned Tofu, topped with grilled onions and bell peppers, lettuce and pickled onion. Scan the QR code to place your pre-order and reserve your pick-up time.



LAST DAY TO ORDER "EGG MY HOUSE"!

Make Easter morning "egg-stra" special for your kids with a yard full of candy and toy-filled eggs delivered by Royal Oak First! Purchase twenty-four (24) eggs for \$25 or double the fun with forty-eight (48) eggs for \$50. All proceeds support the Youth Mission Trip. Order by scanning the QR code by Sunday, April 13.



EASTER EGG FILLERS COLLECTION

The kids and youth of Royal Oak First are collecting donations of individually wrapped pieces of candy, toys/trinkets, and plastic eggs for their annual 'Egg My House' fundraiser through Sunday, April 13. A collection bin is at the Connections Table. If you prefer to shop from home and have it delivered, simply scan the QR code to order from our Amazon Wish List.



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“LIVE IT OUT” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23-26, 2025 6:00-8:00PM

Come join us as at Vacation Bible School where we will explore what it means to love like Jesus, by showing kindness and forgiveness, praying for and serving others.

We'll learn how to "Live It Out" by showing Jesus' love in everything we do! Any questions, please contact Tori Kozan at tkozan511@gmail.com. Scan the QR code to sign up your child.



HANDS OF MERCY – LENTEN ESSENTIALS COLLECTION

Throughout the Lenten season, we will be joining together to provide gifts of mercy for our neighbors in need. We are asking you to bring in a grocery bag filled with full size (not jumbo/bulk size) personal hygiene items (toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo & conditioner) to stock the Outreach on 7th Essentials Pantry. These are items that everyone needs, but are not covered through assistance programs.



2 TRANSFORMATIVE RETREATS LEFT!

We invite you to step away from the busyness of life and immerse yourself in these retreats, held every third Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Our retreats are intentional spaces designed to cultivate a deeper relationship with the divine, offering you the opportunity to recharge your spirit and discover the profound peace that comes from being in God's presence.

****April 19th: Listening for God's Resurrecting Voice****

****May 17th: A Morning with the Mystics****

Scan the QR code to sign up for a retreat.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Jenny Cattran • Jerry Elliott • LeeAnn Witherspoon • Grace Perkins •
Judy Bryan • Ren Renforth • Mark Thatcher • Woody Siddall • Ann Anderson •
Tom Landry • Mary Lou Graeber • Bill & Allison Hempstead •
The Thurman Family • Landon & Sawyer Cattran • Tim Murphy •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Brett Thatcher • Carla Hempstead • Reese • RaeDena • Robert Baker •
Bernie Stubitsch • Pat Timmons • Michael Elliott • Beth Copeland •
Karen Cunningham • Michael Retaskie • Jeff Callihan • Lance Wilburn •
Ellen Delangy • Carol Marshall •

Sympathies to:

The family and friends of Marilyn Alexander on her death on April 3, 2025

The Krieger family on the death of Jason's father, Clifford Krieger on March 31, 2025

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



TIME OF PRAYER

All are welcome to the Time of Prayer on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. at church. We review the church prayer list, spend time in silence and pray together in the Sanctuary. This is wonderful opportunity to uplift your personal prayer requests.

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Holy Week!

This is the week when our story unfolds in all its beauty and complexity. By the time we reach the end, we will witness a profound revelation of who God is—an unveiling of God's character and an affirmation of God's unwavering commitment to the transformation and healing of our world.

Our journey begins today with Palm Sunday. Against all odds, Jesus rides into Jerusalem, boldly confronting the powers and principalities that seek to dominate our lives. Today, we gather to proclaim that the cause is just and worthy of our voices. Let us lift our palms high and join in the celebration of hope!

On Thursday, we will gather in the Upper Room for a final meal with Jesus. In the flickering candlelight, we will share the tender mercies of friendship, reminding ourselves of the warmth and connection that can flourish even in a world that often feels indifferent. It is in this sacred space that we remember the essence of love and community.

Good Friday invites us to walk alongside Jesus as He endures the full weight of humanity's brokenness. Sometimes, all we can do is remain present, standing in solidarity with His suffering. We will gather for services at noon and 7:00 p.m. to honor this pivotal moment in our story, allowing ourselves to feel the depth of His sacrifice.

I also want to extend a heartfelt invitation to join me on Easter Saturday for a time of retreat. Together, we will sit in the quiet, preparing our hearts and minds for the miracle of resurrection that awaits us.

And then, one week from today, we will gather once more in this sanctuary for Easter. Let us celebrate the truth that the Jesus story is not finished; it is alive, full of hope, and so are we!

This is a remarkable week, one that calls us to experience the fullness of our faith. I encourage you to engage deeply with each moment of this sacred journey.

For times and details, please refer to your bulletin, our website, or our Facebook page.

The week tells our story. Come and be a part of it.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff Nelson