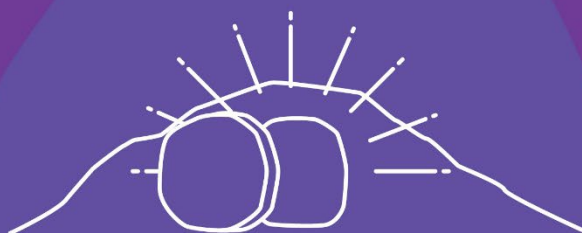


Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 2025
9:00 a.m.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	"Grace Alone"	House Band
Greeting		Griffin Anspach
Song	"All Hail King Jesus"	
Song	"Yes and Amen"	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering		
Doxology	"Give Thanks"	
Gospel Processional	"Alleluia!" Curtis Stephan	
Scripture Reading*	Luke 24:1-12	
Sermon Song	"My Redeemer Lives" Nicole Mullen	Danielle Patterson, soprano Michael Rosas, piano
Easter Poem		Karyl Reynoso
Message	"Makin' it Real: Love Wins"	Jeff Nelson
Closing Song	"Raise a Hallelujah" By Hillsong	
Benediction		
Departing Music	"Goodbye Yesterday"	

**New Revised Standard Version*

-Please be aware that the church office will be closed on Monday, April 21-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDS OF MERCY



Lenten Essentials Collection

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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.

Moms at Pubs

(MAP)



MOMS AT PUBS--THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Moms at Pubs (MAP) is a group that meets for fun and fellowship at a local pub, giving moms a chance to relax, laugh, and enjoy the fellowship of other moms. We normally meet monthly on the 4th Thursday of each month so our next meeting will be **on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. 4th Street, Royal Oak.** Each month we pick a different location where to meet. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cinco de Mayo Carry-Out Tacos



CINCO DE MAYO CARRY-OUT TACOS—

Monday, May 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

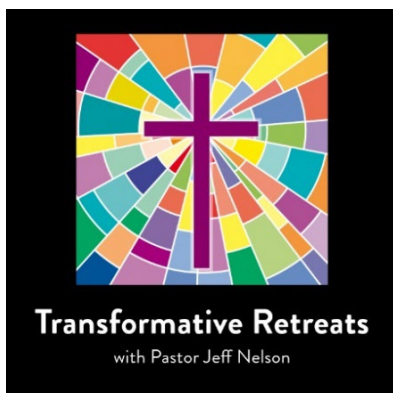
This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild and all funds from this event will benefit our Summer Choir Camp. Each meal is \$15 and includes 3 tacos in flour or corn shells, with chips and salsa. Options include: Seasoned Ground Beef, topped with lettuce and a Mexican cheese blend; 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.



“LIVE IT OUT” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

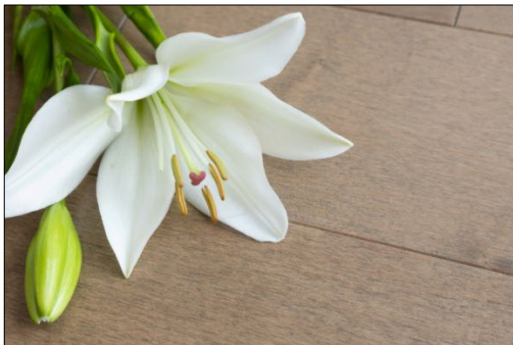
Come join us as at Vacation Bible School where we will explore what it means to love like Jesus, by showing kindness and forgiveness, praying for and serving others. We'll learn how to "Live It Out" by showing Jesus' love in everything we do! Any questions, please contact Tori Kozan at tkozan511@gmail.com. Scan the QR code to sign up.



FINAL TRANSFORMATIVE RETREAT

We hope you can attend our last transformative retreat “A Morning with the Mystics” with Pastor Jeff on Saturday, May 17, 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. Scan the QR code to sign up.





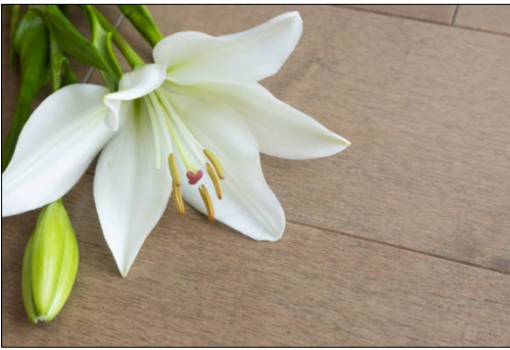
Easter Lilies Decorating Our Sanctuary

In Memory of

John L. Buxton
Vel and Mark Lowman
Richard and Gladys Szymanski
Jim and Ellen Carmichael
Mary Ann Tucker
Jim and Marie Dunstan
Diego Garcia
Linda Pollard
Sharon Muoio
Mom and Dad
Dennis and Kathy Nelson
Richard Reynolds
Bill and Virginia Hassberger
Dorothea Joyce Renforth
Neva Callihan
Josie Nunez
Marilyn and Mike Tovarez
Joseph Tripoli
Paul Edward
Greg Umstead
Mike and Carol Fletcher
Keith and Audrey Leenhouts

Given by

Cheryl, Rick, Kevin and Suzanne Buxton
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Jenni, Doug, Jarod, and Paige Clark
Zelda Diamond and Grayson Hamlet
Jay and Patty Dunstan
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Carlene, Patrick and Meghan Umstead
Michelle and Sophia Wirsu
William Leenhouts



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In Memory of

Art Miller

My mother Miriam Rowe Boyd

Janis Stroud

Robert LaDuke

Jorge Suarez, Sr.

Shirley Campbell

Nancy Matson

Charles and Audrey Donnelly

Reed and Helen Wilson

Given by

Delores Miller

Sandra Prokopp

Kim Stroud and Frank Rashid

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The Suarez Family

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Nancy Matson's Family

Linda and Jim Wilson

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In Honor of

Steve and Theresa Ciennik

Elsa Reynolds

Phyllis Hassberger

The dedicated church staff

Jim and Kathy Leenhouts

Joe and Kay Nowaczok

Jim and Bev Miller

Given by

Mike Dabney

The Plaxton Family

The Plaxton Family

Elsie Consolacion

William Leenhouts

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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

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:

Scott & Cathy Dawe • Marykay McCaskey • Brett Thatcher •
Carla Hempstead • Reese • RaeDena • Robert Baker • Bernie Stubitsch •
Michael Elliott • Beth Copeland • Karen Cunningham • Michael Retaskie •
Jeff Callihan • Lance Wilburn • Ellen Delangy • Carol Marshall •

Sympathies to:

Bob and Michele Prud'homme on the death of their friend, Pat Timmons on April 1, 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 Beloved Community,

Welcome to Easter!

Easter the ultimate game changer.

It's the moment when time itself took a deep breath and said, "Surprise!" Easter stands tall as history's defining moment.

In the resurrection of Jesus, God made a bold declaration: Does death have the word? Not by a long watch!

Remember Jesus didn't just rise from the grave. In the resurrection, Jesus breathed life back into His movement, igniting a resurrection of peace, justice, mercy, and inclusion. This day stands as a vibrant testament that the world Jesus envisioned—a world filled with grace and connection—is indeed how God intended for us to live together.

At Royal Oak First, Easter isn't just a day on the calendar, it's a lifestyle choice! For us, it's not an abstract idea, it's as personal as the stories we share. We see it in the eyes of those overcoming addiction, in the laughter of new friends finding a place in our community. We witness it through the testimonies of the hungry and the unhoused, who remind us that we're all on this journey together. And yes, we even find it in our own lives, in the small moments that make our hearts leap with joy.

So, welcome! We are truly glad to have you with us today. May you not only hear about the power of the resurrection but experience it in all its glorious reality.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" with a simple smiley face drawn below the name.

Pastor Jeff Nelson