



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 17, 2025
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Lord of the Dance” arr. John Carter	Michael Rosas
Call to Worship		Megan Landry
Opening Hymn #64*	“Holy, Holy, Holy!” Lord God Almighty”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Nicole Wilson
Children’s Moment		
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering		Joel Palmer
Doxology #95*	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture Reading**	Philippians 2:1-10	
Message	“Holy, Holy, Holy”	Jeff Nelson
Special Music	“Chorus from Judas Maccabeus” G.F. Handel, arr. Kerstin Wartberg	Allison Harris’ violin students
Closing Hymn #261*	“Lord of the Dance”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Holy, Holy, Holy” arr. Clarence Dickens	

**United Methodist Hymnal*

***New Revised Standard Version*

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A WEEK WITH RBI

SERVICE FOR OTHERS-TODAY 8/17

In an effort to support our friends at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI), we are planning a full week devoted to supporting their Free Store.



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- **Sunday 8/17**, we will **gather in the Parlor after church** to repackage donations purchased in bulk into single person sizes.
- **Thursday 8/21**, we will **send a group of volunteers** to help sort donations and get the Free Store ready to open.
- **Saturday 8/23**, we will **send another group of volunteers** to help staff the Free Store while it is open.

Please also look through your homes for household item donations (kitchen, bedding, towels, etc.) and men's and children's clothing (please, no winter clothes until the fall, and no shoes) that you no longer need and bring them to the lower level elevator lobby. Thank you for helping in the ways you are able! Scan the QR code to sign up.



SUPPORT OUTREACH ON 7TH AT THE ARTS, BEATS & EATS CHARITY PREVIEW PARTY

Outreach on 7th has been chosen as a beneficiary of this year's Charity Preview Party for Arts, Beats & Eats! **Join us on Thursday, August 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Fifth Street,** (between Washington & Center). Enjoy food, cocktails, and live music. **Plus**, 75% of ticket proceeds **go to Outreach on 7th when you select us at checkout. And, if we sell 50+ tickets and top the list, Outreach on 7th will also receive a \$500 bonus!** Join us for a fun night out that supports local outreach!



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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We invite all children and students to bring their school backpacks to church on **Sunday, August 24** during the **10:00 a.m. worship service** for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. As a new school year begins, we want to take a moment to support our children, families, and educators with prayer and encouragement. During the service, there will be a special time where each child will receive a blessing for their backpack.



VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED ON 9/1 DURING ARTS, BEATS & EATS

From August 29-September 1, nearly 400,000 people will visit our community during Arts, Beats & Eats (ABE), so we are looking for volunteers. You will greet Arts, Beats & Eats volunteers, sponsors & artists at the Tower entrance; keep the church outdoor area picked up; offer assistance to ABE Volunteer Command Center Staff. **Bonus: Each person that volunteers for a shift will receive free admission to the festival!** Scan the QR code to sign up.



SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR FERNDALE LOWER ELEMENTARY

Late summer brings the return of the Royal Oak First School Supply Collection! We are continuing our partnership with Ferndale Lower Elementary and will be collecting the following items which they requested: **tissues and wide-rule spiral notebooks (newly added items!), glue sticks, Expo markers, Crayola 24ct crayons, Ticonderoga pencils, and kids scissors.** Other items are welcome, but those listed are of greatest need. Please drop off in the white bin located near the Welcome Desk at the Lafayette entrance.

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Special Arts, Beats & Eats Worship Service!

Sunday, August 31 at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL ARTS, BEATS & EATS SERVICE

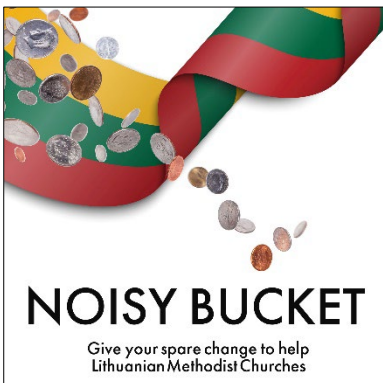
We will have **only one worship service during Arts, Beats & Eats on Sunday, August 31 at 10:00 a.m. on the outdoor stage located at 6th and Lafayette.** If you don't plan on staying for the festival, park in the parking structure across and down the street from the church until 11:00 am. If you are planning to attend the festival after worship, all worshippers that day get a ticket for free admission to the festival, free parking at Royal Oak High School (1500 Lexington Blvd.), along with a free shuttle from the high school to drop you off and pick you up right next to the stage.



HELP US BRING FRESH PRODUCE TO FAMILIES IN NEED

For the past six years, members of Royal Oak First have generously provided fresh produce each month for the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) Free Store—often the only source of fresh fruits and vegetables for the families they serve.

We're looking for volunteers to help shop for produce in September. If you can lend a hand, please scan the QR code to sign up. Your time and effort make a meaningful difference!



NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on Sunday, August 24 at the 10:00 a.m. service and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania. Don't miss out on making the bucket noisy!

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**TWO WORSHIP
SERVICES RESUME ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
AT 9AM AND 11AM**



TWO WORSHIP SERVICES RETURN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Join us as we return to our **normal worship times of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 14.** Our 9:00 a.m. service is a more contemporary service and our 11:00 a.m. service is a more traditional service. Join us at one or both services!



SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL KICKOFF!

Please mark Sunday, September 7 on your calendar and plan to join us for the kickoff of the 2025-26 worship year. More details to come! And get ready for Fall Kickoff by visiting the **Royal Oak First Church Clothing Store that is stocked with awesome gear.** Scan the QR code to browse and order from our online store!



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TRANSFORMATIVE RETREATS WITH PASTOR JEFF: “ENCOUNTERING CHRIST”

Are you ready to deepen your connection with the person of Jesus? We invite you to join us for our Transformative Retreats with Pastor Jeff, held on a **Saturday each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning SEPTEMBER**

27. Each retreat is an opportunity to step away from the hustle and bustle of life and spend intentional time seeking a more personal relationship with Christ. Come, bring a friend, and open your heart to making space for encountering Jesus. Scan the QR code for details about each retreat and to sign up.



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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Mary Lou Graeber • Marian Kremer • Hudson Williams • Laurie O'Donnell •
Megan Mckenzie-Grimm • Don Matson • John Marsh • Kathy MacFarlane •
Phyllis Hassberger • Kristen Turkington • Sue Buxton • Adrienne Loftin •
Dave Minch • Lee Hoffmann • Jan Albert • Charles Hardaway •
Michele Prud'homme •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Karen Cunningham • Marvin Frey • Carol • Joan • Missy Winter •
Brett Thatcher • Margie Reese • Cheryl Castellani • Deb Ingraham •
Sharon Connors • Lori Mason • Rich Zielinski • The Everst Family •
Cara & Kevin Smith • Halen Alexander • Jessica Boyer •
Troy & Deb Bongard • The Stubitsch Family • Joyce Barber •
Marisa Beckford • Ronald Fick • Heather Brown Miller • Scott & Cathy Dawe •
Marykay McCaskey • Ellen Delangy •

Sympathies to:

The Altman family on the death of Lori's sister, Diane Wolf on August 11, 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,

As we gather for another week of worship, I find myself reflecting on the power of hymns to connect us—not just to God, but to each other and our stories. This week, I'm particularly excited about our hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," which is close to my heart for a very personal reason.

Let me take you back to my childhood. We'd often travel a couple of hours to the little Northwoods town of Park Falls, Wisconsin, to visit my great-grandma, Fern Holy. She was a gentle spirit, full of warmth and unwavering faith. The stand next to her was always adorned with two cherished books: the King James Bible and the United Methodist Hymnal. During our visits, we'd often pull out that hymnal and fill the room with our voices, a mini concert of love and faith.

Grandma had a special glint in her eye when we sang "Holy, Holy, Holy." With a playful grin, she would always say, "They named this one after our family!" Those memories bring me lots of joy, and now, every time we sing that hymn in worship, it feels like a little family reunion—one that transcends time and space.

This Sunday, as we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy," I invite you to think about your own favorites. What hymns resonate with you? What stories do they carry? Our collective journey is rich with memories, and I can't wait to hear yours.

Let's come together this Sunday, embrace our shared experiences, and explore what it means to be in relationship with a holy God through the gift of music.

Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

Pastor Jeff Nelson