



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 31, 2025
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music

“Fly, You Fools!”

House Band

Greeting

Griffin Anspach

Song

“Jehovah”

Congregational Singing

Verse 1

He shames ev'ry idol, He reigns without rival;
He goes by the name of Jehovah, Jehovah.
He speaks into nothing and darkness goes running;
He goes by the name of Jehovah, Jehovah.

Chorus

Call the name, call the name, call the name, Jehovah.
All our praise, all our praise, all our praise belongs to him.

Verse 2

His foes will be silenced, He's fighting for Zion;
There's no other God like Jehovah, Jehovah.
His arm never tires, His eyes are like fire;
There's no other God like Jehovah, Jehovah.

Chorus (2x)

Bridge 1

Jehovah Nissi fight your battles, Jehovah Nissi fight your battles;
Jehovah Nissi fight your battles, Jehovah Nissi fight your battles.

Bridge 2 (3x)

Jehovah Nissi fight your battles, Jehovah Jireh meet your need;
Jehovah Rapha heal your body, Jehovah Shalom be your peace.

Chorus (2x)

Bridge 3

Jehovah Nissi fight your battles, Jehovah Jireh meet your need;
Jehovah Rapha heal your body, Jehovah Shalom be your peace.

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Song

“Holy Water”

Congregational Singing

Verse 1

God, I'm on my knees again, God, I'm begging PLEASE again.
I need You; oh, I need You.
Walking down these desert roads, water for my thirsty soul,
I need You, oh, I need You.

Chorus 1

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips;
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears;
Like holy water on my skin.

Verse 2

Dead man walking, slave to sin; I wanna know about being born again.
I need You, oh, God, I need You.
So take me to the riverside, take me under, baptize;
I need You, oh God, I need You.

Chorus 1

Bridge (4x)

I don't wanna abuse Your grace, God; I need it every day.
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change.
I don't wanna abuse Your grace, God; I need it every day.
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change.

Chorus 2

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips;
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears;
It's like holy water.

Chorus 3

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips;
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears;
Like holy water on my skin, like holy water on my skin;
Oh, it's like holy water.

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Welcome & Invitation to Mission

Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli

Time of Prayer

Nicole Wilson

Invitation to Offering

Jennifer Tripoli

Musical Offering

Joel Palmer, vocals & guitar
Hugh Fader, banjo

Doxology

“Give Thanks”

Congregational Singing

Oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks always!

Oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks always!

For He is good, the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever!
For He is good, the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever!

Oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks always!

Oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks to the Lord,
oh give thanks always!

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Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26,31-32,35,38-39

Jennifer Tripoli

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. So what are we going to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He didn't spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. Won't he also freely give us all things with him? Who will separate us from Christ's love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Song

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Congregational Singing

1. When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.
It is well, (it is well),
With my soul, (with my soul).
It is well, it is well, with my soul.
2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well, (it is well),
With my soul, (with my soul).
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

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3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, (it is well),
With my soul, (with my soul).
It is well, it is well, with my soul.
4. And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul!
It is well, (it is well),
With my soul, (with my soul).
It is well, it is well, with my soul!

Message

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Jeff Nelson

Song

“Promises”

Congregational Singing

Verse 1

God of Abraham, You're the God of covenant.
Of faithful promises.
Time and time again You have proven
You do just what You say.

Pre-Chorus

Though the storms may come and the winds may blow,
I'll remain steadfast,
And let my heart learn when You speak a word
It will come to pass.

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Chorus

Great is Your faithfulness to me,
Great is Your faithfulness to me.
From the rising sun to the setting same,
I will praise Your name.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.

Verse 2

God from age to age,
Though the earth may pass away,
Your word remains the same, yeah.
Your history can prove
There's nothing You can't do,
You're faithful and true.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge (x4)

I put my faith in Jesus, my anchor to the ground,
My hope and firm foundation He'll never let me down.

Tag

He'll never let me down.

Chorus

Benediction

Jeff Nelson

Departing Music

House Band

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DON'T MISS THE LAUNCH OF OUR 2025-26 WORSHIP YEAR!

Join us on **Sunday, September 7** for an exciting day filled with community, connection, and celebration! Enjoy **hot dogs, ice cream, and sign up** for Fall activities and find your place to grow, serve and connect. Don't forget to **bring socks** as we kick off Sock-it-to-Me September with a BIG goal—2,000+ pairs of socks for those in need! And be sure to **wear your Royal Oak First Gear!** Visit our online Church Clothing Store and show your spirit—scan the QR code to order! It all starts at Fall Kickoff—be there, bring a friend, and be part of something big!



NEW HERE? COME TO PASTOR CHAT!

Are you new to Royal Oak First or just curious to learn more about our church? Want to find out how to get involved? Join us for **Pastor Chat**—a relaxed, informal time to meet the pastor, ask questions, and discover your next steps at Royal Oak First. **The next Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, September 14 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 45 minutes. We'd love to meet you!



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!

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“MAKIN’ IT REAL: EMBRACING CONNECTIONS IN CHRIST” SMALL GROUPS

All are welcome to join a small group as we read "Makin' it Real: Embracing Connections in Christ" written by our own Pastor Jeff Nelson this fall. Small groups are a great way to meet some new people you go to church with, and grow in your faith at the same time! This book will match up with the Sunday sermons this fall as we seek to grow in our understanding of who Jesus is and what it means to be a follower of Christ. We look forward to good conversation and opportunities for reflection. Groups will start the week of September 21. Scan the QR code to sign up today!



FALL KICK-OFF IS COMING! GEAR UP WITH ROYAL OAK FIRST SWAG!

Get ready for the season and show your church spirit in style at our Fall Kickoff on September 7! **The Royal Oak First Church Clothing Store is open and stocked with awesome gear — from short and long-sleeve tees to cozy sweatshirts, and hats!** It's the perfect time to grab some fresh Royal Oak First swag. Scan the QR code to browse and order from our online store!

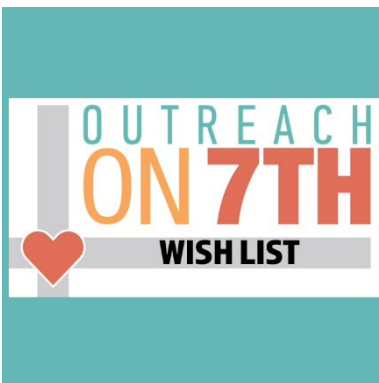


OUTREACH ON 7TH WISH LIST

Outreach on 7th could use the following items.

- Men's shoes sizes 12-13
- Tarps or tents (generally smaller sizes)
- Warm jackets, blankets, sleeping bags
- Men's sweatpants

Drop off items at church Mon-Thu from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



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TRANSFORMATIVE RETREATS WITH PASTOR JEFF: “ENCOUNTERING CHRIST”

Are you longing for a deeper connection with Jesus? Join us for a series of **monthly Saturday morning retreats**, led by Pastor Jeff, designed to help you pause, reflect, and open your heart to encountering Christ in new ways.

Each retreat offers a sacred space for prayer, conversation, and spiritual renewal. From **9:30-11:30 a.m. once a month on Saturdays beginning September 27**. Come as you are. Bring a friend. Let's make space for Christ together. Get the full schedule and sign up by scanning the QR code.



SOCK IT TO ME SEPTEMBER (UNDERWEAR TOO!)

Our friends at NOAH at Central give out over 10,000 pairs of socks annually as part of their work supporting the homeless of Detroit. It is our goal to contribute 1000 pairs of socks or underwear to NOAH this year, in addition giving 1000 pairs to Outreach on 7th. Please bring a package of **NEW MEN'S CREW SOCKS** or **NEW MENS UNDERWEAR** to church during the month of September. Please drop off socks in the white bin near the Welcome Desk by the Lafayette entrance. Sock-It-To-Me!



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP-MONTHLY MEETUPS!

Are you a young adult looking to connect, grow in faith, and build community? Our Young Adults Group meets on the **last Tuesday of every month**, and we'd love for you to join us! Each month we gather at a **different location and time**, so make sure you're in the loop! To stay updated on meeting details, contact **Pastor Bridget Nelson** at **248.541.4100** or **bnelson@rofum.org** to be added to our **Google Group**. You'll receive notifications with all the info you need for our next get-together. We can't wait to meet you!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Janie Castle • Michele Prud'homme • 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 •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

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

*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,

I hope this letter finds you well and perhaps even a bit excited! As we step into this weekend, I can't help but feel a buzz in the air as our beloved Royal Oak gets ready to welcome the annual Arts, Beats & Eats festival. It's that time of year again when our city fills with the laughter of families, the beats of live music, and the wonderful aroma of delicious food from all corners of the metro area. (Deep fried Oreos!!!!!!)

And our church is right in the heart of all the action! We'll be opening our doors to support the wonderful festival volunteers and artists. Whether they need a moment to orient themselves or a quick restroom break, we're here for them. Our grounds will be packed with inflatables for the kids, and even a nursing station and diaper changing area. A huge thank you to all our volunteers who will show up to lend a hand this weekend—your kindness and generosity truly embodies the spirit of our community.

Now, here's a little twist for our Sunday worship: instead of the Sanctuary, we'll be gathering at the Country and Americana Stage at Lafayette and 6th streets at 10:00 a.m. Worshipers that day get a ticket for free admission to the festival and free parking at Royal Oak High School at 1500 Lexington Blvd. A free shuttle will drop you off and pick you up right next to the stage. If you don't plan on staying for the festival, you can park in the parking structure across the street from the church until 11:00 am.

This is a fantastic opportunity to bring a friend or neighbor along—let's share the joy and warmth of our community! Plus, every person in attendance will receive a pass to enjoy the festival afterward. It's the perfect way to connect with one another and soak in the fun!

So, let's embrace the weekend together, reveling in the sights and sounds of the festival while cherishing the connections that make us a family. I can't wait to see all of your smiling faces out there!

With warm wishes and hugs!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiling face with a circular head and a wide, open-mouthed smile.

Pastor Jeff Nelson