



CONSECRATION SUNDAY

**Sunday, November 9, 2025
11:00 AM Worship**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“petit morceau d’orgue” Eugène Gigout	Michael Rosas
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Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #77** “How Great Thou Art”

Affirmation of Faith

Song of Praise #88* “Maker in Whom We Live”
(verse 4)

Welcome & Invitation to Mission Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli

Time of Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering	“Consecration” (John Ness Beck)	Sanctus Choir
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Doxology

“We Praise You, O God”

Hymn #399** “Take My Life, and Let it Be”

Scripture Reading* Matthew 25:14-30

Message	"Breaking Through"	Brad Bartelmay
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**New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*
***United Methodist Hymnal*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent by Candlelight

a special evening for women

Monday, December 1, 7-9PM



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Monday, December 1 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

All women of the church are invited to join us Monday, December 1st, for an evening of speakers and music to get us ready for the season ahead. We will have a program in the sanctuary followed by dessert at tables in the Parlor and Gathering Space. You are invited to host a table of friends and family, or host a table we can fill for you, or simply attend. Let us know you will be joining us by scanning the QR code by November 17.



SCAN ME

PRODUCE COLLECTION

Volunteers Needed!



PRODUCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REDFORD BRIGHTMOOR INITIATIVE (RBI)

For the past six years, Royal Oak First members have provided produce monthly to be given out at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) Free Store. This is often the only fresh produce these families receive all month. We need 4 shoppers in December along with future months Please scan the QR code to sign up.



SCAN ME

TRANSFORMATIVE RETREATS WITH PASTOR JEFF: "ENCOUNTERING CHRIST"

Join us for a series of **monthly Saturday morning retreats from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**, 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.

The next retreat is on **November 15 "If You Are Willing – The Healing Ministry of Jesus."** To sign up, please scan the QR code.



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Royal Oak First PRAYER WALL



PRAYER WALL

As a way to honor those we have lost this past year and to lift up any prayer concerns on your heart, you are invited to visit the Prayer Wall—located just to the left of the Parlor entrance. Please take a moment to add a ribbon with your written prayers on it. The Prayer Wall will be available on **November 2, 9, 16, and 23.**

CAN YOU COOK A TURKEY FOR THE OUTREACH ON 7TH THANKSGIVING MEAL?

Outreach on 7th is expecting approximately 80 people to attend our Thanksgiving Day meal. We are looking for one more person to collect a turkey (donated by “Hand in Hand”) from the church, cook it at home, slice, and deliver the turkey back to the church no later than Wednesday, November 26. All volunteer spots for the Thanksgiving meal and Christmas meal are full—thank you! Please scan the QR code to sign up to cook a turkey.



MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION



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To support the Outreach on 7th Lunch Guests as the weather turns chilly, we will be collecting much needed winter items throughout October.

Much appreciated items include: Men's gloves, hats, long/thermal underwear in larger sizes (L, XL, 2XL), hand/foot warmers, boots, and sleeping bags, along with used men's winter clothing. You may drop off items in either round white bin located by the Welcome Desk, or you can **shop from our Amazon Wish List and have items delivered** to church by scanning the QR code.

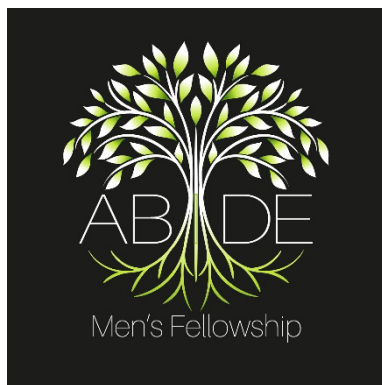


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EMERGENCY FOOD BOX ASSEMBLY & COLLECTION WITH KIDS EMPOWERED

The Missions Team is joining up with Kids Empowered to fill an important need in our community. Kids Empowered receives many calls each week from individuals and families in Oakland County unexpectedly without shelter and food. **On Saturday, November 15th, 1:00-4:00 p.m., we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to help assemble emergency food boxes** that will be used to meet these urgent food requests. Please scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer or to donate needed supplies to fill the food boxes.



ABIDE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Join the guys of ABIDE Men's Fellowship for 3 more meetings in November (11/11, 11/18, 11/25). There will be a break for December and dates will be determined to start up again in January 2026.

A MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH ON 7TH COORDINATOR ROBERT BRYSON

"I appreciate how quickly you all snapped up the volunteer slots for Thanksgiving and Christmas! This congregation's dedication to making Christ's love real warms me. To those of you interested in serving on Thanksgiving, but who missed out on signing up, come anyway! Linda and Jeff Jones are helping me by leading the meal this year. They will need many hands to make this Thanksgiving meal special. On Thanksgiving morning, if you are itching to help, if you desire to get to know our most vulnerable neighbors, if you are being called to church, please join us at Royal Oak First. Thank you!"



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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Bernice Sayers • Al Pollard • Patti Peterson • Keith Messing • Joyce Negrich •
Mark Thatcher • Janice Marsh • Rita Nicholas • LeeAnn Witherspoon •
Karen Porter • Megan Mckenzie-Grimm • Leonard Benyas • Mary Lou Graeber •
Joel Palmer • Phyllis Hassberger • Kathy MacFarlane • Ann Anderson •
Don Matson • Dennis Allen • Bill Courtney •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Susie Wilkinson • Reefer Renforth • Raedea Wagner • Joe Bridge •
Bernice Graham • Elma Holloway • Amanda Lewandowski • Kimberly •
Bruce Snyder • Ron & Denise Bell Haines • Penny Carolin • Karen Cunningham •

*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,

Well, here we are! It's Consecration Sunday!

Today, we come together as a family to reflect on our commitment to one another and our mission as a church. It's a moment for each of us at Royal Oak First to step forward and say, "This is what the church can count on me for financially in the year ahead."

I know it can feel a bit daunting to think about how much to give, but let's remember that our giving is a heartfelt response to the abundance we've received from God. So, as we gather today, I invite you to consider what percentage of your income God is inviting you to share. It's about taking that next step together, and I promise you, every little bit makes a difference!

I'm also really excited to welcome our guest preacher this week, Reverend Brad Bartelmay. Brad isn't just my friend and colleague; he's a mentor who has walked alongside me in this journey. After retiring from his ministry at Holland First, he's now serving with the United Methodist Foundation, helping others navigate their own paths. He's been a guiding light for our stewardship and generosity ministries this year. And let me be honest—he's a great guy, even if he is a Bears fan! (Seriously, we're all just trying to keep him in our prayers!)

As we celebrate today, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the incredible ways we embody Christ's love in our community. Through the month of October, we've served over 8,000 meals to the hungry and unhoused among us. Can you believe it? That's making Christ's love real! It's a testament to what we can accomplish when we come together with open hearts.

So let's lean in, share our stories, and make this Consecration Sunday a joyful celebration of faith, hope, and love. Thank you all for being a part of this journey. I feel so blessed to walk alongside each of you.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pastor Jeff Nelson