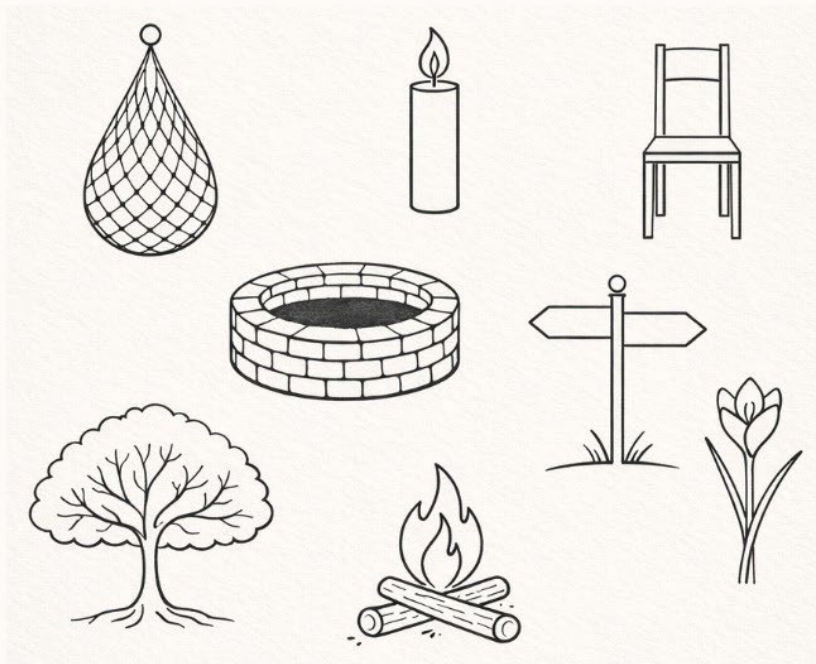


SEEN AND CALLED

Encountering the God Who Sees Us First



**Sunday, March 22, 2026
11:00 AM Worship**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Dr. Marina Stojanovska
Call to Worship	Kathy Peterson
Opening Hymn #140*	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon	
Song of Praise	“Kyrie Eleison”
Welcome & Invitation to Mission	Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Noisy Bucket	
Time of Prayer	
Hymn #617*	“I Come with Joy” (verses 1,4,5)
Invitation to Offering	
Musical Offering	Maria Moro
Doxology #95*	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Scripture Reading**	Luke 19:1-9
Message	“Zacchaeus: Called to Belong” Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #2172***	“We Are Called”
Benediction	
Postlude	

**United Methodist Hymnal*

***Common English Bible*

****The Faith We Sing*

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Moms at Pubs

(MAP)



MOMS AT PUBS

Calling all moms! Whether your babies are 10 days old, 15 months old, or fully grown, you're invited to join us for Moms at Pubs. We will next meet on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Bar Louie, 510 S. Main St., Royal Oak, MI 48067 to share conversation, enjoy a meal, and relax over a drink together. Come connect, laugh, and unwind with other moms who understand the joys (and challenges!) of motherhood. Please contact Pastor Jennifer at jtripoli@rofum.org to be added to the email blast.

Last Fish Dinner



Friday, March 27

DON'T MISS OUR FINAL FISH DINNER

We have the final famous fish dinner on Friday, March 27, so bring your family and friends and join us for yummy food and fellowship. Our fish dinners benefit our children and youth where proceeds are used to send them to camp. Carryout is also available (adult meals only)--park in our lot, come in Tower entrance, order and carry out.

THE FISH NEED YOU!

(WELL...THE FISH DINNER DOES)

Our final Fish Dinner of the season is coming up (Friday, March 27), and we're a little short on volunteers. Many of our youth helpers will be away on Spring Break, so we're hoping some adults can jump in and help us finish the season strong. Fish Dinners are a Royal Oak First tradition that welcome neighbors from across the community and raise scholarship funds so our youth can attend summer camp. If you can lend a hand for even a short shift, it would make a big difference!

**FISH DINNERS
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



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YOUTH BAKE SALE

Our Royal Oak Youth group (ROY) will be selling baked goods at all of our Fish Dinners and you can help! All proceeds will go towards the Youth Group's summer service trips. If you would be willing to bake something for their sale, click the button below to sign up so we know what to expect.



EASTER EGG FILLERS COLLECTION

The kids and youth of Royal Oak First are collecting donations of individually wrapped pieces of candy and toys/trinkets for their annual 'Egg My House' fundraiser through Sunday, March 29. 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 by Sunday, March 29.

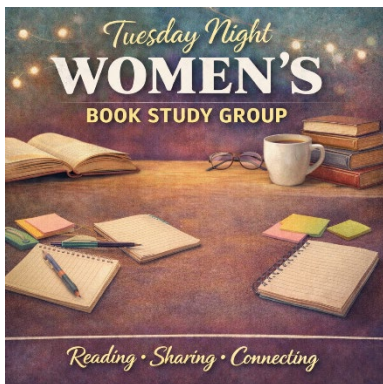


GET READY FOR “EGG MY HOUSE”!

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 before Sunday, March 29.

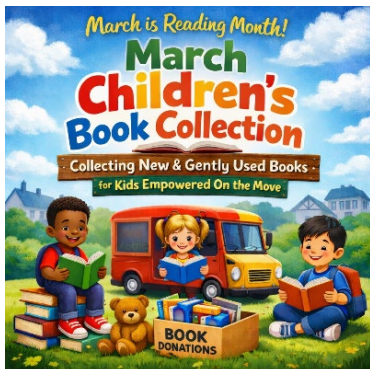


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TUESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

This welcoming group of women has been meeting at Royal Oak First for about 10 years to explore a variety of books, from Bible studies to spiritually rich novels and personal growth titles. We meet Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at church during fall and spring and on Zoom in the winter months. Our next book is "*The Let Them Theory*" by Mel Robbins, beginning March 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. If you have questions, please contact Pam Belecki at pbelecki@wowway.com.



MARCH CHILDREN'S BOOK COLLECTION

In honor of "March is Reading Month", the Missions Team will be collecting new and gently used children's books to be shared with "Kids Empowered: On the Move." They run a program that delivers books to low income families around Oakland County. Please scan the QR code to shop from our Amazon Wish List, or shop local at The Caboose: Sidetrack Bookshop for Kids on Washington Ave.

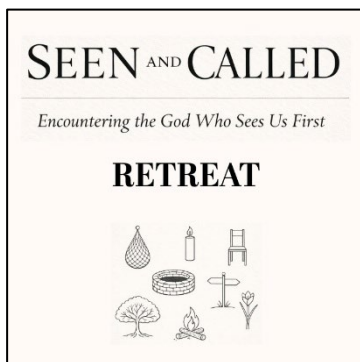


DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?

We would love it if you would share some of your favorite hymns and songs with us so we can use them in worship planning for our upcoming series. You can scan the QR code for the Google Form or write the hymn on a slip of paper and put it in a basket on the Connections Table. We look forward to singing what you share.



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“SEEN AND CALLED” RETREAT

Join us for a special two-part retreat for anyone who has been reading “*Seen and Called*” with us. Whether you've read every chapter or are just catching up, all are welcome. Come expecting to encounter God in a fresh way.

Friday, April 10 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. We'll begin our time together by reflecting on one of the most foundational truths of our faith, that God truly sees us. Come ready to slow down, open your heart, and be reminded of how deeply and personally you are known by God.

Saturday, April 11 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. We'll continue our retreat by turning our eyes forward. Together, we'll explore the new things God may be inviting each of us into, the callings, opportunities, and next steps being placed before us.

OUTREACH ON 7TH

“CLOTHING CLOSET” NEEDS

- Men's Winter Socks
- Women's Underwear (sizes small to 3X)
- Women's Sports Bras (sizes medium to 3X)
- Men's Shoes/Boots: sizes 10 to 12
- Men's Belts: 30-44 waist
- Backpacks

Please drop off at the church office, Monday-Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

On Friday, May 15th, we will have a Euchre Night (more details to follow) benefitting Outreach on 7th, and there will also be a Silent Auction. We invite local businesses and individuals to donate items, services, or unique gifts to be auctioned. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference and help us continue supporting those who need it most. To donate to our Silent Auction, please contact Scott Mckinnon at smckinnon61@gmail.com.



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PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29, 2026, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services (in-person and online)

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with palms to wave and joy to spread. Any children that are here can participate in a Palm Parade at both services.

MAUNDY-THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2, 2026, 7:00 p.m. service (in-person and online)

Join us for a worship experience at 7:00 p.m. where we will remember the Last Supper and reflect on how Jesus built community around the table, inviting us to do the same.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3, 2026, noon service (in-person and online)

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

7 LAST WORDS POETRY/MUSIC SLAM

Friday, April 3, 2026, 7:00 p.m. (in-person and online)

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

Sunday, April 5, 2026, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services (in-person and online)

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 a brass quartet at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

ONE MORE FISH DINNER LEFT!

Friday, March 27
4:30-7:00PM

Did you know that proceeds from our fish dinners benefit our children and youth?

Kids Meal (5 & under)---FREE

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries.
Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Kids Meal (ages 6-15)---\$10

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries.
Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Chicken Tenders Plate---\$16

Includes: 1/2 lb. Chicken Tenders, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Petite Cod Plate---\$18

Includes: 1/3 lb. Deep Fried Cod, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Full Cod Plate---\$20

Includes: Choice of 1/2 lb. Deep Fried or Baked Cod, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Zander (Pike Perch) Plate---\$20

Includes: 1/2 lb. Deep Fried Zander (Pike Perch), choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Carry out also available
(adult meals only)**



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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Elsa Reynolds • Riley Combs • Andrew Sluss • Scott Cummings • Rick Buxton •
Rachel Salazar • Pam Payne • Joyce Russell • John Marsh •
Elizabeth Kincannon • LeeAnn Witherspoon • Kay Nowaczok • Larry Oberdier •
Ann Anderson • Mark Thatcher • Jerry Elliott • Arthur Jemison •
Bob Prud'homme • Michele Prud'homme • Bernie Stubitsch •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Carol Marshall • Tony Thomas • Felix Thurman • Mark Hall • Robert Williams •
Huntley Thatcher Reed • Jean Murphy • Ron & Betsy Fisch • Kelli Hackbardt •
Russ Dore' • Elma Holloway • Richard Long • Jean Foster • John Bartley •
Susie Wilkinson • James • Barbara Anderson • Dr. Eisenshtadt • Bill Gnegy •
Debbie Motherwell • Margie Reese •

Congratulations to:

Andrea and Jaime Baker on the birth of their daughter, Edith Lane Baker
on March 16, 2026

*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,

Holy Week is almost here. Beginning on Palm Sunday, March 29, we will enter the most sacred week of the Christian year together — a week that carries us from joy to table, from cross to silence, from grief to hope, and finally into the good news of resurrection.

Palm Sunday will be a day of joy, energy, and celebration as we wave palms and share in a palm parade together. But Palm Sunday is more than a happy procession. It is also a moment of courage. It is a chance to stand with Jesus, to be called again as people who carry the truth and love of Christ into the world. It is a beautiful way to begin the week.

Then on Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m., we will gather in the Sanctuary for a service shaped by quiet, intimacy, and the warmth of community. Together we will enter the upper room through song, prayer, and Holy Communion. It will be a chance to come to the table and receive Christ's love in a real and tangible way.

On Good Friday, April 3, we will offer two opportunities for worship:

At noon, we will hold a traditional liturgical service as we walk prayerfully through the Stations of the Cross. Through scripture, prayer, silence, and beloved hymns like *Were You There*, *The Old Rugged Cross*, and *What Wondrous Love Is This*, we will enter the heart of this holy day and walk with Jesus in a deep and reverent way.

Then at 7:00 p.m., we will gather again in the Sanctuary for our "Seven Last Words Poetry and Music" worship experience. Many of you know this is one of the most powerful and distinctive offerings we share, both for our church and for the wider community. Seven spoken word artists will each bring one of Christ's final words to life, accompanied by seven musical selections that help those words land with power, beauty, and honesty. This is a meaningful night to invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to experience.

And then comes Easter morning, April 5. Come celebrate the good news with us at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. The 9:00 service will feature our praise band. The 11:00 service will feature choir and brass. Across both services, we will gather in a beautiful sanctuary filled with music, hope, poetry, and the proclamation that love is alive and death does not get the last word.

I hope you will make plans not only to join us for Easter morning, but to walk the whole Holy Week journey together. These are not just services to attend. They are sacred moments in which Christ's love is made real among us.

Come for the joy.
Come for the table.
Come for the cross.
Come for the hope.

Let us walk this holy week together.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with a wide, open-mouthed grin.

Pastor Jeff Nelson

