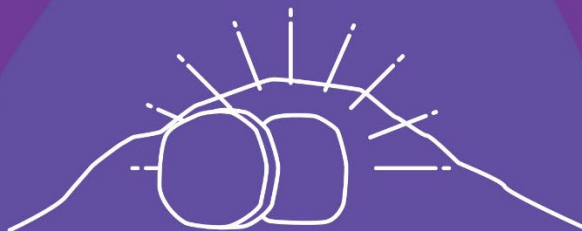


Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2026
11:00 AM Worship



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Festival Piece” (Chaz Bowers)	Organ, Brass & Timpani
Call to Worship		Allison Plaxton
Opening Hymn #302*	“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (verses 1-4)	
Song of Praise #2043***	“Alleluia”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“¡Aleluya! Cristo Resucitó” (arr. Nathan Zullinger)	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #94*	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Poem		Kayrl Reynoso
Sermon Song	“Never Walk Alone”	Doug Clark & Griffin Anspach
Scripture Reading**	John 20:1-18	
Message	“Mary Magdalene: Called to Show Up”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #307	“Christ Is Risen”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Hallelujah Chorus” (G.F. Handel; arr. S. Drummond Wolf)	

**United Methodist Hymnal*

***Common English Bible*

****The Faith We Sing*

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“SHOP on SUNDAY” New Church Store!

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Our new church store, “Shop on Sunday,” will be open on Easter! We have a team that has been working to create a new opportunity for you to represent Royal Oak First out in the world. There will be clothing, but also other household items for you to purchase onsite or order online. Be sure to check it out on Easter Sunday!



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

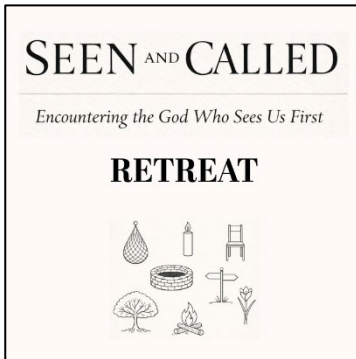
Monday, April 6, 2026

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 6. The Lunch Program will still be serving that day. The Church Office will reopen at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7.

“SEEN AND CALLED” RETREAT

Saturday, April 11, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join us for a special 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. We’ll begin our time together by reflecting on one of the most foundational truths of our faith, that God truly sees us. 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. Come ready to slow down, open your heart, and be reminded of how deeply and personally you are known by God. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code.



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RBI PRODUCE COLLECTION

Friday, April 10 and Friday, May 8, 2026

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! **We need 1 shopper for April and 3 shoppers for May.** Scan the QR code to sign up.



BREAKFAST IS SERVED!!

Sunday, April 12, 2026 | after either service

Start your Sunday with a little extra connection and community! Join us for a Continental Breakfast on Sunday, April 12, held in the Parlor after both services. Enjoy a relaxed time together with pastries, fresh fruit, yogurt, cereals, bagels, and your choice of coffee, orange juice, or water. Whether you're catching up with friends or meeting someone new, we'd love to share the table with you.



CONFIRMATION YOUTH BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 12, 2026 | after both services

Five of our 8th graders have been growing in faith as they prepare for Confirmation. On Sunday, April 12, after the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services, they'll host a bake sale to support their Kingdom Projects benefiting local nonprofits. Stop by for a treat and support their journey!

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HELP SHAPE PRIDE & ALLY

Monday, April 13, 2026 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

There's energy growing in our Pride & Ally Group, and we'd love your voice in it. We're beginning to shape our mission, expand outreach, and plan for Pride Month. Whether you've been to a meeting before or are just curious, you are welcome at our next meeting on Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. To be added to the email/text list, call 248.541.4100 or email ltrumbull@rofum.org.



MOMS AT PUBS (MAP)

Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.

Rock on 3rd at 112 E. 3rd St., Royal Oak

Calling all moms! Whether your kids are newborns, toddlers, or all grown, join us Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Rock on 3rd (112 E. 3rd St., Royal Oak) for a relaxed evening of conversation, food, and connection. Come unwind, share a few laughs, and spend time with other moms who truly get it—the joys, the chaos, and everything in between. To be added to the email list, contact Pastor Jennifer at jtripoli@rofum.org.



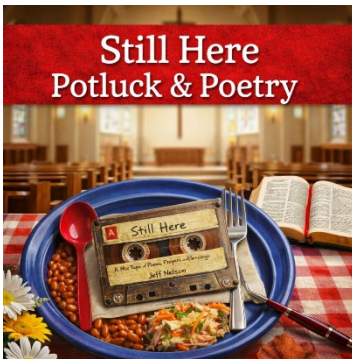
HANDS WITH DETROIT SERVICE DAY

Saturday, April 25, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Hands with Detroit Service Day, put on by the Greater Detroit District UMC, returns on Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Join in service with volunteers from other United Methodist Churches throughout our district to make an impact. Different shifts are available and you can select the tasks you prefer: kitchen help, grounds cleanup, light maintenance projects, document destruction, Tiny Homes, sorting donations, 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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STILL HERE POTLUCK & POETRY

Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us Saturday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. for *Still Here* Potluck & Poetry! All are welcome for a festive potluck, followed by readings from Pastor Jeff Nelson's book *Still Here: A Mixtape of Poems, Prayers, and Blessings* at 7:00 p.m.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. The church will provide chicken—please bring a side, beverage, or dessert. Volunteers are also needed for setup and cleanup. Scan the QR code to sign up!



FAMILY SANDWICH/LUNCH MAKING FROM HOME

Sunday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Are you looking for a one-time service opportunity this spring? We've designed an opportunity for many households to sponsor

another NOAH at Central lunch together. You can sign up to make 30 sandwiches or 30 lunches at your home to be delivered to church on Sunday, May 3. Additionally, we are hoping for 2 volunteers to help drive the meal downtown on Tuesday, May 5. Please scan the QR code to sign up!



SAVE THE DATE FOR EUCHRE NIGHT

Friday, May 15 | 6:30-9:30 p.m.

5th Avenue Grill in Downtown Royal Oak

Join us for a fun, Midwest-style Euchre tournament filled with friends and fellowship. Enjoy a silent auction featuring great items donated by friends and local businesses supporting Outreach on 7th. Not a Euchre player? Come anyway—there's plenty of time to mix, mingle, and bid! Cost is \$50 per person and includes food and non-alcoholic beverages; a cash bar will be available. All proceeds benefit Outreach on 7th.

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SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

We're seeking donations for the Silent Auction at our Euchre Night on Friday, May 15, benefiting Outreach on 7th. Local businesses and individuals are invited to contribute items, services, or unique experiences to be auctioned. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference and help us continue supporting those who need it most. To donate or for any questions, please contact Scott McKinnon at smckinnon61@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES!

CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND

October 16-18, 2026

Calling all voices—past and present! Royal Oak First is bringing the choir family back together for a joyful reunion weekend, and you won't want to miss it. Whether you sang last year or decades ago, you're invited to come home. We'll gather for a weekend filled with laughter, shared memories of choir and church camp, meaningful connection, and plenty of music. Together, we'll rehearse beloved pieces and lift our voices once again in worship at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 18. Mark your calendar, spread the word, and start reconnecting—this is going to be something special. More details coming soon...we can't wait to see you again.





Hyacinth & Easter Lilies

Decorating Our Sanctuary

In Memory of

Harvey and Nina Pallister
Lowell and Bernice Boyer
Claud and Ruth Bosworth
Leslie and Mildred Buxton
John Buxton
Charles and Christine Jones
Velma and Mark Lowman
Jim and Ellen Carmichael
Judy Bryan
Jim and Marie Dunstan
Charlie McCormick
Linda Pollard
Diego Garcia
Mary Ann Cochrum
Marilyn Hocking
Carol Couchenour
Al and Gloria Knappenberger
Jamie Rammelsberg
Joyce Jaster
Ken and Jackie McKeeman
Arthur Miller
Dennis and Kathy Nelson
Patricia L. Peterson
Bill and Virginia Hassberger
Albert O. and Rita M. Prud'homme
Tom and Karen Reinke
Mary and Janet McMahon

Given by

Judy and Roger Boyer
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Sue Buxton
Sue Buxton
Cheryl and Rick Buxton
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Jenny and Dan Cattran
Jenni and Doug Clark
Elsie Consolacion
Patty and Jay Dunstan
Julia Filipp and Family
The Garcia Family
The Garcia Family
The Hempstead Family
Kara Hocking and Steve Couchenour
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Deb and Jeff Lockledge
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Julie McKeeman
Delores Miller and the Miller Family
Jeff and Bridget Nelson
Daniel R. Peterson
The Plaxton Family
Bob and Michele Prud'homme
Don and Mandy Reinke
Susan and Brian Schuldeis



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Mike and Marilyn Tovarez
Paul Edward
Joseph Tripoli
Nancy and Dick Vandekerkhove
Zola Webster
Jim Whitney
Matt Whitney
Peter Uhrig

In Honor of

Rocco Opari
The wonderful members of Royal Oak First
Casey and Sam Nelson
Phyllis Hassberger
Kathy Peterson
Elsa Reynolds
Dorothy Follette
Barb and Terry Webner
Linda Dunbar
Anne and Al Young
Beti Petcu

Given by

Sue and John Showers
Jorge and Lori Suarez
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Kathy Peterson
The Tovarez Family
The Tovarez family
The Tripoli Family
The Tripoli Family
Reid and Pam Vandekerkhove
Her Family
Tim and Sue Whitney
Tim and Sue Whitney
Jim, Linda, Erin, Abby & David Wilson

Given by

Mike Dabney
Kristine Moore
Jeff and Bridget Nelson
The Plaxton Family
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Bob and Michele Prud'homme
Mandy and Don Reinke
Bernie and Mary Stubitsch
Reid and Pam Vandekerkhove
Tim and Sue Whitney

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

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

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Jimmy Castellani • Christina Buchanan • Mike • Craig Brooks • Sandra Brooks •
Burnie Davis • Jim • Leslie Inch • Beverly Bazzell • Effie Lambros •
Carol Marshall • 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 •

*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.

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Something is being revealed...

Easter Sunday

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Beloved Community,

Easter is here. And this year, maybe that means a little more than usual.

Because Easter is not just a pretty morning, a bright dress, a full sanctuary, or a reason to sing the big songs—though thanks be to God for all of that too. Easter is the stubborn, defiant, beautiful promise that after all this world does to us, God is still here.

Jesus is still here. Grace is still here. Mercy is still here. Beloved community is still here.

And some of us really need to hear that.

Some of us will come to worship this Sunday full of joy. Some of us will come in tired. Some of us will come carrying grief, questions, or just the weight of a long season. Some of us may be walking through the doors wondering whether this could be a place to belong.

I want you to know: it can be. That is part of the good news too.

Easter means death does not get the last word. Fear does not get the last word. Despair does not get the last word. A new season is beginning—not because everything is suddenly fixed, and not because we suddenly have all the answers—but because Jesus lives, and hope keeps showing up.

Expectant hope. That is the word for this Easter.

So come as you are. Come joyful. Come weary. Come curious. Come needing a fresh start. Come and hear again that joy is still for God's people. Come and see that resurrection is not far away. It is still breaking in, right here among us.

Welcome to Easter at Royal Oak First. We are glad you are here!

Grace and Peace,

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

Pastor Jeff Nelson