



# REVOLUTION


**June 11, 2017**

**9:00 am Arise! Worship**

**Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**

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**Welcome to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**

Visitors are encouraged to fill out the Friendship Folder along with our members.

**Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following worship.**

**Hearing enhancement devices and large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

\*All who choose may stand

**FWS:** Song printed in black The Faith We Sing Hymnal **UMH:** Song printed in blue United Methodist Hymnal

\* **Song** Build Your Kingdom Here

\* **Call to Worship**

Janet Kinney

One: Hey everybody, welcome to worship!

**All: Let's paint the church red!**

One: Red like the unpredictable flames of the spirit! We don't know what's coming next, but we don't always have to be in control.

**All: Let's paint ourselves red!**

One: Red like hot irons ready to be reshaped and strengthened. We're here to have our lives changed.

**All: Let's paint the world red!**

One: Red like an early sunrise, ready to cast new light on this planet. This is the beginning of a rEVOLution of love, a season of compassion and fiery passion, and all are welcome here!

**All: Hallelujah!**

\* **Song** Love Can Change the World

\* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

**Welcome and Invitation to Mission**

**Time with Children**

**Music Ministry**

*Our Love Is Loud*  
House Band

David Crowder

**Time of Prayer**

**Pentecost Prayer**

One: Fire of Love, you are our source, our transformation, and our connection. You sparked the Big Bang, you blazed a path through the wilderness, you ignited the Pentecost party. We light these candles every week to remember your fearsome and fiery presence. Too often, though, we fade and falter, shrinking from the community of care. We turn inward, growing cold, or we fail to tend ourselves and quickly burn out. In silence, we seek the steady warmth of your presence.

*Moment of silent prayer.*

One: Roaring Spirit, rekindle in us a passion for justice, a drive for mercy, and a habit of grace.

**All: In your unquenchable love, unleash us to get out and change the world!**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering

*God Loves You*  
House Band

Caleb Williams

## Scripture

Acts 2:1-13

*Common English Bible*

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

Mark 8:1-10

*Common English Bible*

In those days there was another large crowd with nothing to eat. Jesus called his disciples and told them, "I feel sorry for the crowd because they have been with me for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they won't have enough strength to travel, for some have come a long distance."

His disciples responded, "How can anyone get enough food in this wilderness to satisfy these people?"

Jesus asked, "How much bread do you have?"

They said, "Seven loaves."

He told the crowd to sit on the ground. He took the seven loaves, gave thanks, broke them apart, and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they gave the bread to the crowd. They also had a few fish. He said a blessing over them, then gave them to the disciples to hand out also. They ate until they were full. They collected seven baskets full of leftovers. This was a crowd of about four thousand people! Jesus sent them away, then got into a boat with his disciples and went over to the region of Dalmanutha.

## Message

Fired Up

Jeff Nelson

\* **Song #261 (UMH)**

Lord of the Dance

## Blessing

Dear Friends,

I have been meeting with a group of leaders this spring in a discernment group we have called Compass. A compass helps determine the direction of the journey, sets the course, and ensures that we get to our destination.

Royal Oak First is in the midst of a pretty interesting and exciting journey. The meetings with this group of leaders have been inspiring. Words like love, hope, possibility, genuine, welcome, inclusion and service keep coming up over and over throughout our conversations. Those are the kind of words that would warm any pastor's heart!

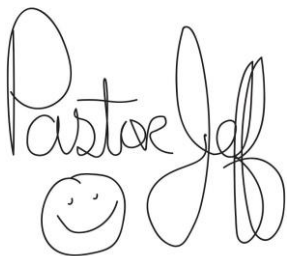
I asked this group to describe what was happening right now in our church. How would they describe this moment? After a lot of conversation a common thread started to emerge. Those around the table began to talk about how here at Royal Oak First their faith has become real. They talked about how well they thought the church shows real love and acceptance. They talked about how we make a real difference in the lives of the hungry and homeless; children, youth, and families; people with special needs; and LGBTQ Christians. And of course the caring and concern among our long time members is full of a deep and real compassion.

So what is happening here at Royal Oak First? Christ's love is made real! When that phrase finally surfaced everyone around the table lit up in agreement. Making Christ's love real—this is a direction we can follow!

Two thousand years ago the early church experienced the love of Christ in a very real and powerful way. After Jesus had died, rose and ascended it would have been easy for the follower of Jesus to think that their movement had ended. That's when they realized that Jesus' Spirit, the Holy Spirit, was still with them and that their faith was as real as ever. Those early followers went out into the world sharing love and hope as if Jesus had never left them at all!

Two centuries later we are still a part of that movement! Please plan on joining us after the service. We are going to make a lot of sandwiches today—maybe as many as 4,000. These sandwiches will make a real difference to real people this week!

Making Christ's love real—that's what we do!

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