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**July 23, 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

## Welcome

- \* **Song** Build Your Kingdom Here
- \* **Call to Worship** Victor Lutes
  - One: We have been called to follow where the Spirit leads.
  - All: By faith we can walk into an unknown future.**
  - One: We have been challenged to live a story of love and compassion among others.
  - All: By faith we can share the good news.**
  - One: We have been invited to feast at the table of grace.
  - All: By faith we can embrace all as sisters and brothers.**
  - One: All are welcome here!
  - All: Thanks be to God!**
- \* **Sung Response #393 (UMH)** Spirit of the Living God
- \* **Greeting Your Neighbor**
- Invitation to Mission**
- Time with Children** Myra Moreland
- Camp Staff Commissioning**
- Music Ministry** Stuart K. Hine
  - How Great Thou Art*
  - Chloe Johnson

## Time of Prayer

### Pentecost Prayer

Loving Spirit, you envision all people united as one, but we carve painful divisions. You have a vision of your creation filled with goodness, but we damage it with waste. You set a table where we can feast on your grace, but we stuff ourselves with selfish concerns. Forgive us, Lord. We confess that we are not "insiders" but immigrants, searching for our true home. By faith, reshape us with Christ-like grace, compassion, and hope.

*Moment of Silent Prayer*

*Pastoral Prayer*

### 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

*Hold Us Together*  
House Band

Matt Maher & Steve Wilson

### \* Song #377 (UMH)

It Is Well with My Soul

### Scripture

Acts 9:1-19

*Common English Bible*

Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?"

Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, whom you are harassing," came the reply. "Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do."

Those traveling with him stood there speechless; they heard the voice but saw no one. After they picked Saul up from the ground, he opened his eyes but he couldn't see. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind and neither ate nor drank anything.

In Damascus there was a certain disciple named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, "Ananias!" He answered, "Yes, Lord."

The Lord instructed him, "Go to Judas' house on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias enter and put his hands on him to restore his sight."

Ananias countered, "Lord, I have heard many reports about this man. People say he has done horrible things to your holy people in Jerusalem. He's here with authority from the chief priests to arrest everyone who calls on your name."

The Lord replied, "Go! This man is the agent I have chosen to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites. I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

Ananias went to the house. He placed his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord sent me—Jesus, who appeared to you on the way as you were coming here. He sent me so that you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Instantly, flakes fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. After eating, he regained his strength.

He stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days.

### Message

But Now I See

Jeff Nelson

### \* Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

### Sending

Dear Friends,

73 kids! That's right 73!

Today we will be sending 73 kids and 38 adults to our annual Choir Camp. Choir Camp is one of the longest standing traditions in the life of our church. This is a week where our kids will get the chance to be immersed in Christian Community; learn about their faith; make great friends; have a ton of fun making crafts, swimming, and boating; and experience the joy of making music together. Having only been to Choir Camp once, I can tell you that this is simply an amazing labor of love that our church provides for young people.

As we get ready to send these kids out on this incredible week, I want to invite you to support them in the following three ways:

1. Send a kid a card or letter. There is just something about getting a piece of mail when you are at camp. Don't worry if you don't know the kid - just tell them you are one of their church family and that you hope they have a great week!

To do this take a look at the list of kid's names in your bulletin today. Choose a kid or two from the list. Not sure who to write to? Choose a kid whose last name starts with the same letter as yours.

You can send all cards and letters to:

Camp Ohiyesa  
7300 Hickory Ridge Rd  
Holly, MI 48442

2. Join us for the Camp Talent Show - 7:00 on Wednesday night. It is only a 45 minute ride from Royal Oak and it is a real treat. The kids will sing and dance and play their instruments and all you have to do is cheer, cheer, cheer!
3. And finally, please pray. Pray for us all week long. Pray for safety. Pray for good weather. Pray for fun. Pray for each kid to make friends. Pray for patience for the staff. But most importantly that each person participating in this experience, kids, adults, and even your pastor, would experience the love of God in a real way. That is why we do all this!

I just want to thank all of you for supporting children, youth and music here at Royal Oak First. This week is the culmination of a whole year of planning, praying and preparing to give our kids a faith experience that will impact their lives forever.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff