




June 17, 2017

4:00 pm Saturday Afternoon 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.

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

* **Hymn #547 (UMH)**

O Church of God, United

* **Call to Worship**

One: Weird people of the world unite! Come all, short and tall, big and small, hear the call!

All: Weird people of the world unite!

One: Come young and old, hot and cold, shy and bold!

All: Weird people of the world unite!

One: Come grinning and pouting, innung and outing, hopeful and doubting!

All: Weird people of the world unite!

One: In this space, in this place, in this rEVOLution of love, all are welcome!

All: Thanks be to God!

* **Hymn #2226 (FWS)**

Bind Us Together

* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

Welcome and Invitation to Mission

Music Ministry

You Raise Me Up

Rolf Løvland & Brendan Graham

Laci Marie

Time of Prayer

Prayer Requests

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

Bring Him Home

Claude-Michel Schönberg

Laci Marie

* **Doxology Hymn #95 (UMH)**

Scripture

Acts 2:42-47

Common English Bible

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

Message

What a Fellowship

Jeff Nelson

* **Closing Song #133 (UMH)** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Blessing

Dear Friends,

Last week we lived the bible story of The Feeding of the 4,000. Together we made around 4,000 sandwiches to be shared with the hungry and homeless of our community. The food “multiplication” stories in the Bible — stories of Jesus feeding the crowd with just a few fish and few loaves of bread — tell us that abundance is the true foundation of God’s reality. Our faith, with its inherent overflowing, always has more than enough of itself to give.

At Royal Oak First, we know that we are made to share God’s love. We want to make Christ’s love real! However, the flow of God’s grace through us can get blocked when we live inside a worldview of scarcity. Scarcity - the belief that there is not enough: not enough of God, enough of me, enough food, enough healthcare to go around, enough room to include all, enough mercy to forgive all faults. It is very easy to let a mindset of scarcity take over. So when we say, “God loves you and there is nothing you can do about it!” we are saying that there is enough love to go around, we are saying that our God is a God of abundance not scarcity.

We want to live in the divine economy of abundance. We want to trust that there is enough grace to go around, enough room to draw our circle wide, enough resources to be a blessing beyond our walls. Will you keep showing up expecting God to do far more with us together than we could ever do on our own?

Thank you for being a part of this movement of abundance. You are a part of what makes this place so special. Let's continue to shower our church, our community, our world with the goodness of God.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". The word "Pastor" is written in a cursive style, and "Jeff" is written in a more stylized, looped cursive. Below the letter "P" in "Pastor", there is a simple smiley face drawn with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

PS - Thank you to Laurie O'Donnell and her team for helping us make this story real! Your abundant spirit is so appreciated.