



April 16, 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 Faith We Sing Hymnal **UMH:** Song printed in blue United Methodist Hymnal

Welcome

- * **Song of Faith #2116 (FWS)** Christ the Lord Is Risen
- * **Song of Faith #302 (UMH)** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

- * **Call to Worship** Renee' McKarge

One: Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen, indeed!
 One: Peace is alive!
All: New birth is given!
 One: Hope is alive!
All: A new age is dawning!
 One: Love is alive!
All: Death cannot harm us!
 One: Justice is alive!
All: New life is within us!
 One: Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen, indeed!

- * **Song of Faith #318 (UMH)** Christ Is Alive

- * **Greeting Your Neighbor**

Welcome and Invitation to Mission

Time with Children

- * **Song of Faith #2078 (FWS)** Alleluia

Easter Litany of New Life

Time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Easter 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

Offertory

Messiah (HWV 56)

George Frideric Handel

44. Chorus "Hallelujah"

Sanctus Choir with Chamber Ensemble

Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

Common English Bible

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

Message

He's Not Here

Jeff Nelson

* Song of Faith

Build Your Kingdom Here

Blessing

"When you forgive somebody, when you are generous, when you withhold judgement, when you love and when you stand up to injustice, you are in that moment, bringing heaven to earth."

Rob Bell

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! Welcome to Royal Oak First. It was just nine short months ago that my family and I arrived in this community. This is our first Easter here and we could not be more excited about what the Spirit is doing right here!

We are connecting with new people. We are experiencing creative and inspiring worship. We are making children, families, and youth more central to our life together. We are committed to being a fully inclusive community - no matter your race, country, color or creed, no matter where you have been or what you have been through, no matter who you love or who loves you - you are welcome here. And we are making mission our mission.

One thing I have learned is that the people of this community are truly Easter people. For the people of Royal Oak First, Easter is more than just a day - Easter is way of life. You seem to believe that love is stronger than hate, that hope is stronger than despair, that grace is stronger than judgment, and that the power of life is stronger than the forces of death.

It is because of this amazing spirit that I want to invite you to do two things. First, I want to invite you to enjoy today's worship service. Get caught up in the music. Enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary. Be inspired by the message. Get caught up in the wonder and possibility of Easter.

And, second, I want to invite you to come back next week, and week after that, and week after that and week after that, to join us in making Easter a way of life. Come back and join us in feeding the hungry and caring for the homeless. Come back and love our kids. Come back and visit our seniors. Come back and help us make a difference in Detroit, Pontiac, Haiti, Lithuania, and right here in Royal Oak. Come back and help us build a community where All Are Welcome, especially those who are too often left out and left behind. Come back and help make Easter more than just a day! Come back and help us make Easter a movement that might actually change the world.

Happy Easter, Friends!

We are glad you are here! And we will be glad to welcome you back!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff