

Hello

my name is



May 14, 2017

9:00 am Arise! Worship

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

Pastor Jeff Nelson

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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 of Faith #2274 (FWS)** Come, All You People

* **Call to Worship** Janet Kinney

One: We gather to worship our God,

All: who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.

One: We gather to follow Jesus,

All: who encourages us to never fear, for he is near.

One: We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

All: who calls us to go serve our world.

One: All are welcome here!

All: Thanks be to God!

* **Song of Faith #2236 (FWS)** Gather Us In

* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

Welcome and Invitation to Mission

Time with Children

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Sarah Thomas

Daughter of Missy and Chris Thomas

Song of Praise

Prelude from Suite No. 2

Heather Riggs, viola

J.S. Bach

Time of Prayer

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

God of silence and seas, we make waves rather than calming storms. We find it easier to push people out of the boat than to make room for those who are different from us. Our lives are a whirlwind of activity and we miss your presence in the silence.

Thank you for your mercy, God of patience. Save us from drowning in oceans of fear and doubt. Give us the words to speak of your hope to others. Fill our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ, which is nearer to us than we dare to imagine.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

One: We are forgiven, our life is restored, and grace has become our guide.

All: Thanks be to God! We are not alone, but we take heart in the forgiving love of our God. Amen.

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

Shelter
House Band

Jars of Clay

Scripture

John 17:20-23

Common English Bible

“I’m not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. I’ve given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. I’m in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me.”

Message

What My Mama Taught Me

Jeff Nelson

* Song of Faith

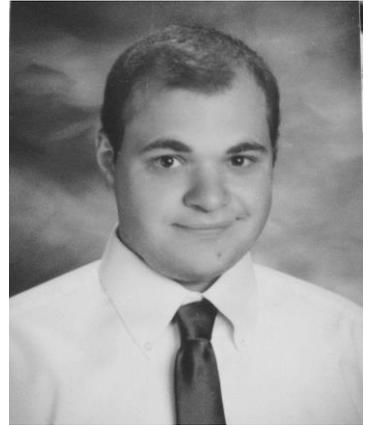
Welcome

* Blessing

*We need to give each other the space to grow,
to be ourselves, to exercise our diversity.*

*We need to give each other space so that we may both give
and receive such beautiful things
as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion.*

Max de Pree



Dear Friends,

For the past four weeks, including today, we have had special cover art on our bulletins. That art has come to us by one of our very own artists, Dylan Yates. Dylan is one of the young adults of our church. He is the son of Jim and Donna and the brother of Jake. Dylan was raised here at Royal Oak First. He grew up in our Sunday School program, attended choir camp, and he is here almost every Sunday.

Dylan is bright, funny, kind, and he is an artist. He publishes an annual calendar featuring his original work. Dylan is one of the people that makes this church so special.

Dylan lives with autism and for over twenty years he has been teaching this church what it is to be an inclusive community. In fact, Dylan's story here at Royal Oak First has led us to start our new Faith Abilities movement. It's our commitment to making sure that people and their families with autism and any other special needs can find a church home. Will you help us build this movement of inclusion?

We believe every person is a unique, unrepeatable miracle of God with gifts that need to be shared. We are thankful that Dylan has found space to share his gifts with us. We hope you enjoy his art and know that there is place for you to share your gifts as well.

There is room in God's house for all of us. Every single one of us. Each of us has a gift to share. Each of us makes God's love known.

Thank you, Dylan, for showing us God's love.

Drawing the circle wide,

Pastor Jeff
A hand-drawn signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes.