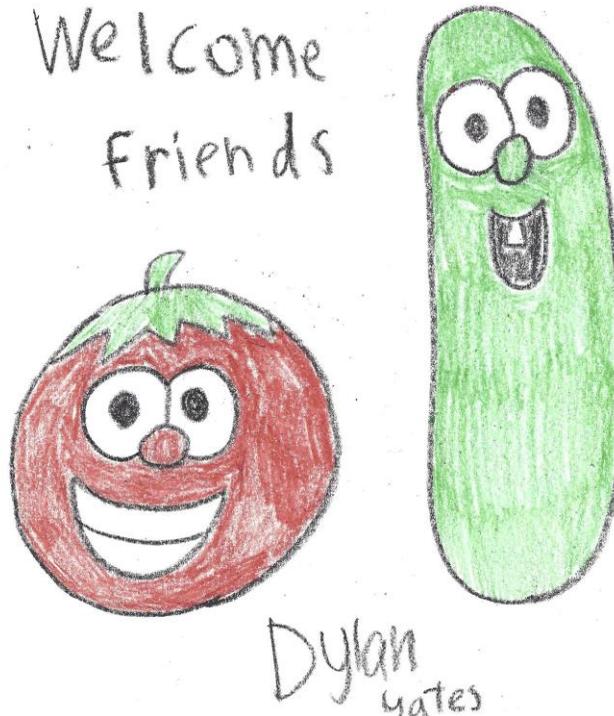


Hello

my name is



May 6, 2017

4:00 pm Saturday Afternoon 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.

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

* **Hymn #560 (UMH)** Help Us Accept Each Other

* **Call to Worship**

One: We gather here, so God may teach us:

**All: So we may learn to be more compassionate
So we may be taught to be more loving.**

One: We gather here, so Jesus may teach us:

**All: So we may learn to choose forgiveness,
So we may learn to speak hope to all.**

One: We gather here, so the Spirit may teach us,

**All: So we may learn to share grace,
So we may learn to welcome all to the table.**

One: All are welcome here!

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn Welcome

* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

Welcome and Invitation to Mission

Music Ministry Polly Tan

Time of Prayer

Prayer Requests

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory *Nocturne in E minor*
Polly Tan, piano

Frédéric Chopin

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

Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-2

Common English Bible

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned and the flame shall not consume you.

John 20:13-18

Common English Bible

The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means *Teacher*),

Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

Message

Hello, My Name Is

Jeff Nelson

The Lord's Supper

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* **Closing Song #2226 (FWS)**

Bind Us Together

Blessing

Dear Friends,

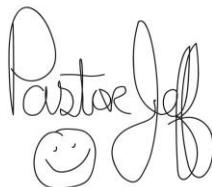
We have been talking a lot lately about hospitality and what it will take to be known as one of the most welcoming churches in the neighborhood. In the reading I have been doing on this subject, I came across this interesting article by Gary Shockley. In it he describes a recent visit to a church.

I recently visited a church where, and I kid you not, they had two posters on the wall near the entrance to the sanctuary with pictures of certain clothing styles that were on one poster unacceptable and on the other acceptable to wear. As I walked inside, I was met by another sign that said, “No food or drink beyond this point. This means YOU!” Just beyond that sign was another one that read, “Those who truly honor Christ kneel when they receive Communion.” The real kicker was the words printed in their bulletin: “Everyone welcome!” Nobody can make this stuff up.

It is easy to say “Everyone Welcome!” with our words but convey something very different with our actions. Sometimes when a church says, “Everyone’s Welcome,” what they mean is everyone “like us” is welcome. I meet people all the time — faithful people, smart people, good and decent people — who have walked away from the church because they have come up against our barricades — our rules, regulations, dress codes, and expectations of behavior.

But what makes me so proud to be your pastor is that I get the sense that you don’t want to be that kind of church. You are really opening yourself up to new people. From ushers and greeters to coffee hour hosts and Sunday school teachers, to music leaders and custodial staff, you are making spaces, transforming traditions, and showing flexibility and grace. We will be singing a song each week of this series that says, “All are welcome in this place.” I am proud that it is more than just a song - it the way we are trying to live!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive 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.