

ACT
justly
love
MERCY
WALK
humbly
with your god.
micah 6:8



May 20, 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

Welcome

* **Hymn #2235-b (FWS)** Siyahamba

* **Call to Worship**

One: We come to this place of prayer,

All: to bring our hopes and dreams,

One: We come to this place of grace,

All: to hear the word of compassion and joy,

One: We come to this place of inclusion,

All: to discover how deeply we are loved.

One: We come with these people called the church,

All: to live together as one.

One: All are welcome here!

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn #133 (UMH) Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

Welcome and Invitation to Mission

Music Ministry

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm

Alice Bentley

Time of Prayer

Gathering 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

Offertory

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
Alice Bentley

George Matheson

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

Scripture

Micah 6:6-8

Common English Bible

With what should I approach the Lord
and bow down before God on high?
Should I come before him with entirely burned offerings,
with year-old calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with many torrents of oil?
Should I give my oldest child for my crime;
the fruit of my body for the sin of my spirit?
He has told you, human one, what is good and
what the Lord requires from you:
to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

Message

Love Kindness

Myra Moreland

* **Closing Song #2153 (FWS)** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Blessing

Dear Friends,

When you come into ministry, you think it's a sprint. That your job is to get as much done as quickly as you can. How much can we accomplish in the shortest amount of time?

Later, you wake up and think that ministry is not a sprint but it's a marathon. What can I do to be in this for the long haul? How can I make a long lasting impact on people and communities? You start to pace yourself differently, hoping to not peak too soon and have enough gas in the tank to finish strong.

Then, finally, the Holy Spirit taps you on the shoulder and says, "Ministry is not a sprint or a marathon - it is a relay." Ministry is a baton that is passed from one generation to the next. You run your leg of the race knowing that the day will come when you have to pass it to someone who will continue the race. It is a great handing off of the traditions and story of the faith that has made the Gospel of Jesus such a powerful force in our world for over 2,000 years.

Today, we welcome back one of the pastors who ran a leg of his ministry here at Royal Oak First. Reverend Mike Seymour served as the Senior Pastor here from 1995 to 1999. He served 40 years in active ministry including a stint as a District Superintendent. Mike is remembered as a friendly and well liked pastor who help set the church on a direction to missional growth. Interestingly, Mike followed in his father's footsteps, Reverend Everett Seymour, who served here as Senior Pastor from 1963-1974.

I am glad to be running the race with the baton that Pastor Mike and so many others have passed along to me. We are excited to welcome him back to Royal Oak First, where we are doing our best to hand off the baton to a new generation of transformed leaders.

Enjoy the race!

A handwritten signature in black ink 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.