



June 3, 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 #2236 (FWS)** Gather Us In

* **Call to Worship**

One: Come, people of faith!

All: We're here to sing our praise!

One: Come, people of doubt!

All: We're here to question and care!

One: Come, people of action!

All: We're here to be the light of the world!

One: All are welcome here!

All: Thanks be to God!

* **Hymn #2158 (FWS)** Just a Closer Walk with Thee

* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

Welcome and Invitation to Mission

Music Ministry

Holy, Holy, Holy
Julie Szeliga and Debi Szeliga

arr. Joel Raney

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

Morning Has Broken

arr. Joel Raney

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

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11-14

Common English Bible

I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be present for you, declares the LORD, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the LORD.

Message

Claim Your Faith

Myra Moreland

The Lord's Supper

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* Closing Song #553 (UMH)

And Are We Yet Alive

Blessing

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Joel Raney

Dear Friends,

Last week, the ladies of the Tuesday Night Bible Study began a new class called “Crafted and Called”. It is designed to help each of us look at how we are uniquely crafted by God, and how and where God is calling us. It helps us be aware of our talents and gifts so that we can better understand our call. And it reminds us that yes, each of us is called. This is a four week class that will be available to everyone. (Contact me at mmoreland@rofum.org or Pastor Jeff at jnelson@rofum.org if you are interested.)

Over the past months, I have learned many things about God’s call. First, it requires that we quiet our lives and our minds enough to hear. Defining and understanding our talents also helps us see the path more clearly.

But, truthfully, what stands out most for me is just how scary God’s call can be. It can lead us down a path we never imagined, doing things we never thought possible. When Jeff and I first started talking about my call into ministry, it didn’t seem real. I could think of a million things that would stand in the way, a million reasons why I would never actually become a minister. And yet, here I am, preaching this weekend at the Saturday and (for the first time) the Sunday services at my church.

As I come into this weekend, I will tell you one more thing that I have learned. No matter how alien or unsettling the path feels, God walks with us each step of the way. And, we are surrounded by the “cloud of witnesses” we call church family.

I will be able to stand in front of all of you and preach only because I know that I am not talking to strangers. I am simply sharing God’s word with my church. I will look out and see your faces and remember the hugs, the prayers, and the words of encouragement.

By the way...when you feel God’s call, that same church family will “have YOUR back”. And I’ll be right there with them, right by your side.

Grace and Peace

Myra Moreland