




**June 24, 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 #57 (UMH)**      O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (stanzas 1-3, 7)

\* **Call to Worship**

One: People of sorrow, people of grief, who walk in the darkness and long for relief, come to the arms of comfort.

**All: We bring our full selves, even our emptiness.**

One: People of numbness, people of doubt, unsure, but wanting to figure it out, come to the safe place for questions.

**All: We bring our minds as well as our hearts.**

One: People of joy, people of light, brimming with clarity, vision, and sight, come to the party!

**All: We bring our gifts and our gratitude.**

One: All are welcome here!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn #2178 (FWS)**

Here Am I

\* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

**Welcome and Invitation to Mission**

**Musical Offering**

**Time of Prayer**

**Prayer Requests**

**Prayer**

**Pentecost Prayer**

One: Uniting God, you've walked with us through the tough times and easy. You stand with us now at the threshold of beauty, but we don't have the strength to walk in.

**All: Pass your healing shadow over us.**

One: We stand together at the threshold of beauty, but we don't want to walk in with people who aren't like us.

**All: Pass your healing shadow over us.**

One: We stand together at the threshold of beauty, unsure of what to ask for, but filled with questions.

**All: Pass your healing shadow over us.**

One: We stand at the threshold of beauty, stronger together, and all we have to offer is our silent prayer.

*Moment of Silent Prayer*

One: Energizing Spirit, rekindle in us a passion for justice, a drive for mercy, and a habit of grace.

**All: In your unquenchable love, unleash us to get out and change the world!**

**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**

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

## **Scripture**

Acts 3:1-10

*Common English Bible*

Peter and John were going up to the temple at three o'clock in the afternoon, the established prayer time. Meanwhile, a man crippled since birth was being carried in. Every day, people would place him at the temple gate known as the Beautiful Gate so he could ask for money from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he began to ask them for a gift. Peter and John stared at him. Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gazed at them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I don't have any money, but I will give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise up and walk!" Then he grasped the man's right hand and raised him up. At once his feet and ankles became strong. Jumping up, he began to walk around. He entered the temple with them, walking, leaping, and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God. They recognized him as the same one who used to sit at the temple's Beautiful Gate asking for money. They were filled with amazement and surprise at what had happened to him.

## **Message**

Ministry With, You Get To Decide

George Marck

**\* Closing Song #2175 (FWS)**

Together We Serve

## **Blessing**

Dear Friends,

My first job in ministry was as a high school youth pastor. I showed up for work on July 1 and within the week Bridget and I jumped in a caravan and were headed to Memphis, Tennessee with seventy teenagers we were meeting for the first time.

We were off for a week-long mission trip, helping to do basic home repair in the Binghampton neighborhood, one of poorest sections of Memphis. I spent the week in 100% humidity, 90 degree weather, scraping paint, sanding drywall, and laying insulation in the cramped attic of Miss Leddy's home. The best part of the week was working alongside some of the neatest young people I had the pleasure to ever meet. By the time the week was over a lot of good work had been accomplished, a lot of good relationships were formed and a lot of good will was left in all of our hearts. Over the next fifteen years Bridget and I went on nineteen mission trips with young people. These experiences the church gives young people are the most valuable gifts we can offer.

Today we welcome our mission team of seventeen youth back from Cincinnati. During this trip, they have served the poor, feed the hungry and played with kids. They will have learned about their faith. They will have a chance to ask tough questions about poverty and social justice. They will hopefully come home ready to help change their world.

We look forward to hearing their stories and seeing how God has expanded their hearts. We want to thank Bridget Nelson, Jenny Lowman and Josh Wright for accompanying them with their leadership. Their time and commitment to the teenagers of our community is greatly appreciated.

And finally thank you Royal Oak First for making sure these types of experiences for our young people are encouraged, funded, and supported. Together we are making a difference.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff

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.