

**April 16, 2017**

**7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service**

**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.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

\*All who choose may stand

\* **Morning Has Broken**

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

\* **Halle, Halle, Halle**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!  
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!  
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## \* **The Lord's Prayer**

*Call and response*

Our Father, in heaven  
hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who've sinned against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us  
from evil.  
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

## \* **Do Something**

*Refrain*

If not us, then who  
If not me and you  
Right now, it's time for us to do something  
If not now, then when  
Will we see an end  
To all this pain  
Oh, it's not enough to do nothing  
It's time for us to do something.

## \* **Arise, Shine**

*Call and response*

Arise, shine;  
for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord  
has risen upon you.

*"When you forgive somebody, when you are generous, when you withhold judgement, when you love and when you stand up to injustice, you are in that moment, bringing heaven to earth."*

Rob Bell

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! Welcome to Royal Oak First. It was just nine short months ago that my family and I arrived in this community. This is our first Easter here and we could not be more excited about what the Spirit is doing right here!

We are connecting with new people. We are experiencing creative and inspiring worship. We are making children, families, and youth more central to our life together. We are committed to being a fully inclusive community - no matter your race, country, color or creed, no matter where you have been or what you have been through, no matter who you love or who loves you - you are welcome here. And we are making mission our mission.

One thing I have learned is that the people of this community are truly Easter people. For the people of Royal Oak First, Easter is more than just a day - Easter is way of life. You seem to believe that love is stronger than hate, that hope is stronger than despair, that grace is stronger than judgment, and that the power of life is stronger than the forces of death.

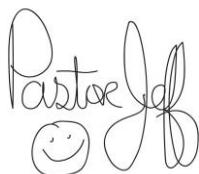
It is because of this amazing spirit that I want to invite you to do two things. First, I want to invite you to enjoy today's worship service. Get caught up in the music. Enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary. Be inspired by the message. Get caught up in the wonder and possibility of Easter.

And, second, I want to invite you to come back next week, and week after that, and week after that and week after that, to join us in making Easter a way of life. Come back and join us in feeding the hungry and caring for the homeless. Come back and love our kids. Come back and visit our seniors. Come back and help us make a difference in Detroit, Pontiac, Haiti, Lithuania, and right here in Royal Oak. Come back and help us build a community where All Are Welcome, especially those who are too often left out and left behind. Come back and help make Easter more than just a day! Come back and help us make Easter a movement that might actually change the world.

Happy Easter, Friends!

We are glad you are here! And we will be glad to welcome you back!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten 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.