



January 15, 2017

11:00 am Traditional 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. Everyone is encouraged to join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for refreshments.

Hearing enhancement devices and **large print bulletins** are available with the ushers.

*All who choose may stand

FWS: Song printed in black Faith We Sing Hymnal **UMH:** Song printed in blue United Methodist Hymnal

Prelude

Across the Stars

Williams

Welcome

* **Hymn #159 (UMH)**

Lift High the Cross

* **Call to Worship**

Faye Bond

Called to be light,

We carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.

Called to be salt,

We season the lives of those around us with joy.

Called to live in God's hope,

We welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.

All are welcome here, yes all, no matter our color, years, gender, sexuality, beliefs, struggles, or privilege, you are welcome here!

Thanks be to God!

* **Hymn #70 (UMH)**

Gloria Patri

* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

Welcome and Invitation to Mission

Special Music

White Wings

Angelus

Time with Children

Dismissal to Sunday school will follow Time with Children. For those attending for the first time, parents should accompany children to the Narthex to meet the leaders and sign in. Children can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Time of Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We hurt your heart when we break our word. We sadden you with the gossip we speak. Forgive our foolishness; Overcome our weakness; Heal the hurt we cause to you and to others. Give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Forgive us, Lord.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

What has God done to us?—shown mercy! What has God done for us?—forgiven us! This is the good news for us.

We will not boast, for it is not our doing. We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Go Light Your World
Sanctus

Rice

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture

Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, coastlands;
pay attention, peoples far away.
The Lord called me before my birth,
called my name when I was in my
mother's womb.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of God's own
hand.
He made me a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in God's quiver,
saying to me, "You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I show my glory."
But I said, "I have wearied myself in vain.
I used up my strength for nothing."
Nevertheless, the Lord will grant me justice,
my reward is with my God.

And now the Lord has decided –
the one who formed me from the womb as
his servant –
to restore Jacob to God,
so that Israel might return to him.
Moreover, I'm honored in the Lord's eyes;
my God has become my strength.
He said: It is not enough, since you are my
servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the survivors of Israel.
Hence, I will also appoint you as light to
the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the end
of the earth.

Message

Rebellions are Built on Hope

Caleb Williams

* **Song of Faith**

This Little Light of Mine

Benediction

Dear Friends,

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” - 1 Cor 13:13

I'm an optimistic guy. According to my Strengthsfinder inventory, my number one strength is positivity. Sometimes that glass-half-full attitude can come across as naïveté. Sometimes it is, but there's also an underlying spiritual gift: Hope. Hope is the willingness to look beyond right now and imagine something better.

This week's film, *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, is a dance between hope and despair. Jyn, the young protagonist, grows past her own scars and cynicism into new hope. This change requires two things to happen to her: 1) Someone trusts her, and 2) Someone sacrifices for her. Not only does this give her hope, but it allows her to give those gifts to others. She begins offering trust and eventually sacrifices herself for others. Hope is infectious when it comes with trust and sacrifice. Jyn's seed of hope launches the original Star Wars trilogy.

Royal Oak is in the middle of our own rebellion of hope. This congregation is going to change lives and transform the world, so long as we are willing to trust one another and willing to sacrifice our comfort, habits, and personal preferences. Rebellions are built on hope.

Caleb Williams