

WHERE
IS GOD
CALLING
YOU?



February 12, 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.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following worship.

Hearing enhancement devices and large print bulletins are available from 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

Introit

* **Hymn #584 (UMH)** Lord, You Give the Great Commission

* **Call to Worship** Sue Buxton

One: We may not know when,

All: but you, O God, are calling us with overflowing grace.

One: We may not know who,

All: but your hope will be shared by the least likely people.

One: We may not know how,

All: but your peace will transform us into warm welcomers, and justice-seekers.

One: We are blessed to be in your house and among your people.

All: Thanks be to God!

* **Hymn #393 (UMH)** Spirit of the Living God

Recognition of our Scouts

* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

Musical Offering *Peace Like a River* Traditional
Beginner Choir

Welcome and Invitation to Mission

Time with Children and Presentation of Bibles

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 worship.

Time of Prayer

Prayer

In the days to come

may we work to establish justice,

may we learn to set aside our differences,

may we awaken from our apathy,
may we be alert to the opportunities to welcome the stranger,
may we expect to find you
in every person we meet, in every place we go.
We will find ourselves standing
within the gates of your in of Love.

Silent 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

Scout Sunday Video

Offertory

We Are Called

Haas

Sanctus Choir

- * Doxology Hymn #95 (UMH)
- * Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other, saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces! All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke. I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the Lord of heavenly forces!"

Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs.

He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?"

I said, "I'm here; send me."

Message

God is Calling You

Jeff Nelson

- * Hymn #593 (UMH)

Here I Am, Lord

- * Benediction

- * Postlude

Dear Friends,

“Here I am, Lord...Send me!”

It is the way all ministry begins. All it takes is one person to stand up and say, “God I want to help. I want to make a difference. Here I am, use me!”

Here at Royal Oak First we want to make sure anytime someone feels the nudge of God to get involved in our mission, they know where to go and how to get involved. All you have to do is find the *The Here I Am, Lord* Table, located in Fellowship Hall, which will be available after every service. There you will find all the information and sign ups for our ongoing missions and ministry opportunities. If God is calling you to serve then we want to do everything we can to help you serve.

The opportunity I want to highlight for you today is one with **The Methodist Children’s Home**. For the last 100 years, the Methodist Children’s Home has been providing love and shelter for kids that have nowhere else to go. Currently there are 60 boys between the ages of 6 and 18. It is truly a beacon of hope.

One of the ways we are going to support these boys is by sponsoring the **Birthday Club**. Every month, the boys who have birthdays in that month get a great big birthday party! They get presents, cake, ice cream, pizza, balloons, decorations - everything that makes a boy’s birthday special. And we get to help make that happen!

We need people to buy the gifts. Someone to get the food. Someone to get the decorations. And most importantly we need people to show up to celebrate. Go to the *Here I Am, Lord* Table after the service and sign up to help make these parties happen. We will do the Birthday Club in February, April and June!

Thanks for helping make God’s love visible to these boys!

Grace and Peace,

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.