

# Listen

Praying in a noisy world.

**March 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**

*Nocturne in C# Minor, Op. 20*

Chopin

**Welcome**

**Choral Anthem**

*Requiem*

Mvt. 1 Requiem Aeternam

John Rutter

Sanctus Choir & Orchestra

\* **Call to Worship**

Bob Prud'homme

One: We come because we seek God.

**All: God is with us every moment.**

One: We come because we hunger for Christ.

**All: Jesus feeds us with hope and replaces our emptiness with grace.**

One: We come because we thirst for the Spirit,

**All: Who calls us to pray for peace and work for justice.**

One: All are welcome here!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\* **Hymn #2164 (FWS)**

Sanctuary

\* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

**Welcome and Invitation to Mission**

**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 worship.

**Choral Anthem**

Mvt. 2 Out of the Deep (Psalm 130)

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

Offertory

Mvt. 3 Pie Jesu

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

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

## Choral Anthem

Mvt. 4 Sanctus

## Time of Prayer

### Prayer Practice

#### 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.**

## Choral Anthem

Mvt. 5 Agnus Dei

Mvt. 6 Psalm 23

## Scripture

Psalm 46:1-7

*The Message*

God is a safe place to hide,

ready to help when we need him.

We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom,  
courageous in seastorm and earthquake,

Before the rush and roar of oceans,  
the tremors that shift mountains.

Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,  
God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.

River fountains splash joy, cooling God's city,  
this sacred haunt of the Most High.

God lives here, the streets are safe,  
God at your service from crack of dawn.

Godless nations rant and rave, kings and kingdoms threaten,  
but Earth does anything he says.

Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,  
God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.

## Message

Sit with God

Jeff Nelson

## Action

Hymn #2057 (FWS)

Be Still and Know That I Am God

## Choral Anthem

Mvt. 7 Lux Aeterna

## \* Benediction

## \* Postlude

*Festival Voluntary*

Flor Peeters

Dear Friends,

Let me use this space today to simply bring you up to date on some important happenings in the life of our church.

First and foremost, I want to welcome Jennifer Tripoli to our staff team as our new Director of Finance and Administration. Jennifer is a child of Royal Oak First and brings to this position a deep well of experience in accounting and office management. As we continue to grow and expand our ministry, Jennifer will help us steward our personnel and financial resources, expand our systems of communication, and bring more efficiency and effectiveness to our day to day operations. Welcome, Jennifer! We are glad you are here!

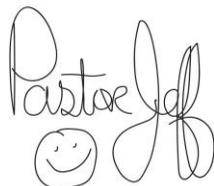
Second, Sunday at our 11:00 am worship and again at 4:00 pm our Sanctus Choir will be performing John Rutter's *Requiem*. This is the culmination of over two months of preparation. Come and experience this beautiful worship piece. The concert in the afternoon will provide an opportunity to make a freewill offering to support scholarships to our summer Choir Camp. Bring a friend and experience the beauty of song.

Finally, I want to make sure you have Sunday, April 2, on your calendar for our Lenten Dinner. We will host a very special guest, the Michigan Area United Methodist Bishop, the Reverend David Bard. Bishop Bard is excited to come and see a church that is in the midst of revival.

And, if that wasn't enough, I am excited to announce that we will be having a fish fry for dinner that night!!!! That's right! It's time to get the famous Royal Oak First fish back in the fryer. We will have a full dinner for only \$10/person and \$30/family. Please RSVP today at the *Here I Am Lord* Table in the Fellowship Hall.

There are so many exciting things happening here! I am so glad we are on this journey together.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff