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Praying in a noisy world.

March 26, 2017

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

Pastor Jeff Nelson

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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

Amazing Grace

Joel Raney

Welcome

* **Hymn #577 (UMH)**

God of Grace and Glory

* **Call to Worship**

Kay LaCombe

One: We come, so God might open our eyes,

All: to discover the wonders that surround us and to embrace the joy deep within us.

One: We gather, so Christ might widen our hearts,

All: to respond to the brokenness around us and to sing new songs of hope.

One: We are here, so the Spirit might teach us the ways of humility,

All: to walk in the ways of love and to work for the causes of peace and 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

Noisy Bucket Collection and 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.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Anthem

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

Sanctus Choir

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Time of Prayer

Song of Faith #2057 (FWS)

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Prayer Practice

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture

Romans 8:26-28

Common English Bible

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit itself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because it pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will. We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Music Ministry

More Than Words/How Great Thou Art

Sam Garrett and Caleb Williams

Message

More than Words

Jeff Nelson

* Hymn #437 (UMH)

Amazing Grace

* Benediction

* Postlude

Entrata Festiva

David Lasky

Dear friends,

Sometimes you just have to pause and say thank you. You have to look at all that is happening and just take stock of the good things that are going on around you. It is definitely time to do just that!

- We have taken in over 50 new members in the last 6 months!
- We started hosting The Birthday Club at The Methodist Children's Home.
- We started Ben's Ministry, a full inclusion ministry for people with special needs.
- We started The Justice League, putting social justice at the forefront of our work.
- We started the Digital Church, our social media platform for extending our reach into the community.
- We started The Grace Cuts Salon, a haircut ministry for our bag lunch community.
- We expanded the As We Gathering Thursday worship service from monthly to weekly.
- We have over 60 people meeting in small groups during Lent for friendship and spiritual growth.
- We built a temporary nursery to accommodate our growing children's program.
- We continue to serve over 150 lunches a week to anyone in need of food and hospitality.
- We had an amazing experience preparing for the Rutter *Requiem*.
- We had our children's choir participate in the interfaith World Sabbath Service at Temple Beth El.
- We have called four people into the candidacy process for the United Methodist Church.
- We hosted nearly 1,000 people over the past weekend at the visitation and funeral for Dominic Geskey.
- We are on our way to collecting over 3,000 necessary items for the Brightmoor Free Store.

The Spirit is alive and on the move here and you are a part of it!

Please come and celebrate with us next Sunday evening. 5:00 dinner is followed by an evening of music, poetry, and an inspirational message from our new Michigan Area Bishop, Reverend David Bard.

If you have not already signed up, please do so today at the *Here I Am Lord* Table after each service or in the office during the week.

Thank you for all you do to make Christ's love visible!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor J. J." with a simple smiley face drawn below the first "J".